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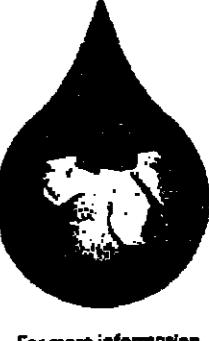
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**Khorafi to meet dealers**

AN important meeting will take place today between Finance Minister Jassem Al Khorafi, stock market dealers and representatives of companies managing investment portfolios. It seems that the aim of the meeting is to study the mechanism of financial portfolios in the stock market. The participants will also review the performance of these portfolios in the past and what should be done during 1988 to create a stable market.

Stability

In 1980, 1986 and even last year, the Kuwait Stock Exchange witnessed a kind of stability that the government considers good, and wishes to see it continue this year also.

The finance minister will hear the views of dealers and other representatives on these issues during the meeting. The dealers have a number of ideas and views and it seems that the finance minister is ready to take these into consideration, provided these can keep up the dynamic trading in the market.

Bomb kills 3

DHAKA, Feb 28, (AP): Bomb explosions in downtown Dhaka killed three people today as opposition protesters set vehicles ablaze to protest parliamentary elections, an opposition leader said. (See Page 2)

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پسندوں کا صارم
کوتھی میں لیکے کی کٹکر کرو
○ قل کر دیا گیا
○ طبیعت میں بیویتیں

Residence Law amended**Fine for delay in renewal reduced**

VIOLATORS of the Foreigners Residence Law will now have to pay a fine of only KD2 for each day's delay in renewing their regular or temporary residence permits, instead of KD100 for delay of each month or part of a month.

Conferred

Sheikh Saad conferred with the Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah and senior ministry officials on Feb 17, and gave instructions to reduce the fines and advise on ways of facilitating the procedures for residence permits.

Sheikh Saad also instructed the ministry to open more offices of the personal identification department, which provides good conduct certificates, in various governorates.

Sheikh Salem earlier said his ministry will implement Sheikh Saad's directives once experts completed amendment of the article on fines.

An Immigration Department official was reported by newspapers as saying that the Interior Ministry will not impose fines on those who have submitted their renewal papers before the expiry date — if the delay was being caused by his ministry.

However, the fine for over-staying on a visit visa will remain at KD10 per day of overstay.

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3 killed as Dhaka police fire on protest march

DHAKA, Feb 28. (Reuter): Police killed three people when they opened fire on a political protest march in central Dhaka today, opposition parties said.

Police, who refused to confirm the death toll, said they fired 10 shots after homemade bombs were thrown at their line, injuring four policemen.

Both sides said at least 50 people were hurt by the bombs.

Sporadic violence spread to other parts of the city after the shooting, with palls of black smoke marking where cars and mini-buses had been set ablaze.

The violence began when opposition leaders Begum Khaleda Zia and Sheikh Hasina tried to stage separate protest marches demanding the resignation of President Hossain



Mohammad Ershad. Witnesses said supporters of the alliance led by Zia's Bangladesh National Party (BNP) were stopped by police tear gas almost immediately and homemade bombs were thrown.

Police then opened fire.

A few hundred yards away, another crowd which had just finished listening to a fiery speech from Awami League leader Sheikh Hasina scattered in panic at the sound of shots.

Hasina's supporters were also tear-gassed.

Hasina and Zia, united in opposition to parliamentary polls called by Ershad for March 3 held simultaneous rallies a short distance apart.

They said Ershad's day as ruler of this impoverished nation of 110 million people were numbered and called for a total boycott of Thursday's election.

Cheering

"We are assured the cooperation of all people to throw this autocrat out." Hasina told cheering supporters from the back of a truck.

Ershad called the elections after dissolving parliament in December in the face of mounting agitation and strikes by the opposition demanding he hand over power to a caretaker administration.

The president seized power in a bloodless coup in 1982.

24 killed in Philippine weekend clashes

MANILA, Feb 28. (Agencies): At least 24 people were killed over the weekend in scattered clashes involving government forces, communist rebels and Muslim separatists, military officials said today.

Authorities said 13 government troops—including the son of a regional military commander—were killed yesterday when their truck hit a land mine planted by communist rebels in Albay province, based 200 miles (320 km) southeast of Manila.

It came a week after government troops killed 14 rebels in three encounters in Bicol where many of the interior villages are known to be rebel strongholds in the 10-year insurgency waged by the communist New People's Army (NPA).

The Army poured several battalions into the area late last year after rebels blew up bridges and power pylons and hijacked a passenger train.

The military said government troops killed six Muslim separatists on Friday in a two-hour gunbattle in Sultan Kudanderi in the province of Lanao del Sur on the southern island of Mindanao.

Upsurge

In Santa Ana town in Cagayan province, 270 miles (435 km) north of Manila, constables killed three communist guerrillas on Friday. Police said two government troopers were wounded.

Hundreds of people fearing an upsurge of violence in Lanao del Norte province have fled remote coastal villages, a military spokesman said.

Lt Col Saturnino Justo said the civilians fled after armed rebels of the Muslim separatist Moro National Liberation Front rotted the villages.

The group has threatened to launch attacks on Mindanao, 500 miles (800 km) south of Manila to back its bid for membership in the 46-member Organisation of Islamic Countries, which is scheduled to meet in Jordan next month.

Sri Lankan government in contact with rebels

Secret talks harm accord: India

COLOMBO, Feb 28. (Agencies): India's highest ranking diplomat in Sri Lanka said yesterday that secret negotiations between Sri Lankan officials and Tamil militants are undermining the Indian-brokered peace accord to end the island's ethnic future.

J N Dixit, the Indian High Commissioner, told a news conference that India would not be pressured into any decision outside the parameters of the July 29 accord.

He also disclosed that more than 400 Indian peacekeeping soldiers have died in Sri Lanka since last October. The last official statement had put the death toll at 363.

Dixit said India learned that some Sri Lankan officials were talking with members of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the most powerful rebel group. The Tigers oppose the accord and have refused to lay down their weapons.

Sri Lanka had agreed to hold elections to provincial councils

by these proposals," Dixit said. "From what we heard of them, they are not only extraordinary, but erode the elementary basis of the Indo-Lankan peace accord and the fulfilment of the aspirations of the Tamil people in the future."

He said his information indicated that instead of insisting on a surrender of weapons and compliance with the pact, Sri Lankan officials and Tamils were discussing a compromise.

It apparently would require the Tiger fighters to leave the eastern province, but allow them to regroup in the north and keep their weapons, he said. The rebels also would be called to participate in an interim government in the region, even without endorsing the peace pact, he added.

Under the terms of the accord, the rebels were to give up arms in exchange for limited autonomy in the northern and eastern provinces.

"The government has controlled terrorism in the south. We will do the same in Ampara district in the next few weeks," Jayewardenne said after opening a Buddhist shrine at Ampara.

Security was tight during Jayewardenne's first visit in five years to this district which has been hit by both Tamil separatist violence and Marxist rebel activity.

Jayewardenne said his offer of an amnesty to the outlawed Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) — People's Liberation Front was available only if they renounced details of the contacts.

"India has certainly no objections to such discussions, but they must be within the framework of the Indo-Lanka accord. There cannot be any unilateral discussion," Dixit said.

He said he had met President Junius R Jayewardenne on Thursday to express India's concern about the developments and the President had assured him that nothing would be done outside the terms of the accord.

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Cabinet reviews latest political developments

THE Kuwaiti Cabinet yesterday reviewed international and regional political developments focussing on contacts aimed at halting Israeli violent repression against Palestinians in the occupied territories, the government spokesman said.

Efforts to bring the Iran-Iraq war to an end were also reviewed by the cabinet session, which was presided over by HH Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, according to the spokesman. State Minister for Cabinet Affairs, Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed.

The ministers were briefed on the content of a message HH the Amir received last week from King Hassan of Morocco dealing with Arab and Islamic issues and relations between Kuwait and Morocco.

HH the Crown Prince outlined the outcome of his recent talks in Kuwait with Bahrain's Crown Prince and General Commander of the Bahraini Armed Forces Sheikh Hamad Bin Issa Al Khalifa who attended Kuwait's celebrations of the 27th National Day.

Civil Service law amendments to be implemented

AMENDMENTS on the Civil Service law will be implemented soon mainly affecting the length of service of top officials, State Minister for Cabinet Affairs, Rashed Al Rashed has disclosed.

He added in an interview with a Kuwaiti newspaper published yesterday that studies are still underway for fixing a four-year period for occupant of a leading post subject for renewal.

Al Rashed, who is chairman of the Civil Service Commission, noted that a number of committees and teams works will soon start implementing a nine-stage

Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed reported to the meeting on his talks here last week with visiting Moroccan Foreign Minister Abdul Latif Filali with whom Sheikh Sabah discussed Arab and regional issues and cooperation between the two countries.

Parliamentarians

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saoud Mohammed Al Osaimi briefed the cabinet on a recent visit here by an European Parliamentary delegation who had met the Amir and discussed with him a number of issues including Euro-Gulf Cooperation.

Rashed said he outlined to the cabinet the outcome of his meeting with the European delegation, in which talks centred on the Gulf war and the situation in the Israeli-occupied territories.

The European parliamentarians also conferred with Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa on cooperation between the EEC and the Gulf Cooperation Council and the situation on

the international oil market. The Council of Ministers then listened to a report by Planning Minister Abdul Rahman Al Awadi on last week's conference of experts in Saudi Arabia on education and health development of Arab children in which the minister represented Kuwait.

Approved

The Council of Ministers also reviewed the results of talks the Crown Prince held with officials during recent tours of several parts of Kuwait.

The council examined ways to resolve problems obstructing development of public services.

The cabinet approved that Kuwait take part in financing long-term trade between members of the Organisation of Islamic Conference by pumping five million dollars into a programme for the purpose.

It also decided to contribute to an international fund affiliated to the Unesco for cultural development.

The ministers also discussed several local matters and adopted a number of pertinent resolutions.



● The Assistant Undersecretary for military projects at the Defence Ministry, Sheikh Sabah Al Nasser, paid an inspection visit last week to the military projects at the Uraljan Camp, the 15th Brigade and the naval base. He held several meetings with officials at these sites. Picture shows Sheikh Sabah Al Nasser (third, right) at one of the projects.

1,800,000 civil ID cards issued

FAJSAL Al Shaiji, the Director General of the Public Authority for Civil Information, said the authority had issued about 1,800,000 cards by the end of 1987. He added that this number was equal to the population of the country and that the authority was now involved in renewing cards and changing data on cards already issued, as well as adding newborns.

Alleviated

Al Shaiji said the authority had issued an average of 8,000 cards a day during the summer months last year and that thousands of people received their cards late because of Ramadan and the summer holidays which resulted in crowding at the offices at the end of the summer.

He said that the use of the postal services had alleviated some of the crowding at the main

offices and about 1,500 applications for card renewals were received through the postal service.

The authority has also doubled the number of counters at the Ministries Complex, he said, and has an information centre where inquiries can be made by telephone on numbers 2669333, 2636322, 2636311 or 2636312.

The authority is preparing to construct a new building at its branch in the Farwaniya area which is expected to be completed in eight to nine months. The building will have 80 counters to ensure that all those who come to complete their registration can be handled quickly. Al Shaiji added that registration procedures have been changed which should reduce the time from 15 minutes to seven or nine for completion of registration.

Sheikh Saad for London

HIS Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah yesterday flew to London on a private visit during which he will take routine physical check-ups.

Kuwaiti envoy presents credentials

TURKISH President Kenan Evren received yesterday accreditation papers of the new Kuwaiti Ambassador Abdul Wahab Al Rifai.

The presentation of the papers was conducted in an official ceremony described by the ambassador shortly afterwards as "cordial and distinguished."

ROYAL COURT

Amiri audiences

HH the Amir yesterday received in audience HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah. The Amir also received Sheikh Jaber Al Ali.

Cable of condolences

HH the Amir yesterday sent a cable of condolences to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on the death of presidential assistant and former prime minister Mamoud Salem.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

New reconciliation game

KUWAIT'S newspaper Al Rai Al Aam yesterday, while wondering whether Iran and Iraq are launching a new round of war of cities affirmed that there is an attempt to expand the explosion in the fighting to the Gulf area again.

The daily in a front page editorial said that there are indications that an understanding has taken place between the United States, Israel, the Soviet Union and Iran, to exchange positions and roles in the new reconciliation game between Washington and Moscow.

Al Rai Al Aam noted that since the beginning of the popular uprising in the occupied territories, the United States has been looking for a "way out" for Israel from its scandalous behaviour in facing the stone throwers.

"The recent visit by US Secretary of State George Schultz to Moscow touched on the "way out" of a time when the Soviet Union and US are trying to give the impression that they are serious to find solutions for the regional issues including the Gulf war and the Palestinian cause," the paper went on.

However, the daily asserted that the initiatives which the superpowers are launching to treat the problems of the region are not clear, one based on certain self-serving policies, positions and regulations.

"Therefore those initiatives and ideas are unqualified to solve any dispute. Yet, those conflicts and problems are being complicated further."

The paper noted, that even though the two superpowers agreed on passing a resolution on halting arms flow to Iran the war will not end, and the flow of the arms will not stop as well.



Drug addiction in Kuwait not widespread: Al Naqib

DR Nael Al Naqib, Kuwait's Public Health Undersecretary, said the Drug Addiction Centre

found and that Kuwait is unsure of what to do about controlling carriers of the disease. He added that Kuwait was trying to find a solution to move about freely.

Dr Al Naqib said that the appointment of Dr. Abdul Razzak Al Abdul Razzak as Health Minister would not change the aspect of the ministry. He added that whatever changes made would be in an effort to continue the development and improvement of the health services. He added that the ministry is especially concerned about training administrative personnel and that some departments would be reorganised.

Students show lack of motivation

DR Jassim Karam, the secretary of the Teachers' Society of Kuwait University, said a large number of students at the university displayed a lack of motivation, were often absent from class and performed below standard academically.

He strongly supported taking strict action against students who did not maintain a high academic performance, saving the university charters provide for such action.

Dr Karam added that the society would follow-up the request for an increase in salaries and allowances given to teachers at the university's language centre with the university administration and Civil Service Council.

He said they would also study the problem of low salaries for assistant teachers at the university and examine the promotion system for teachers.

Municipality to decide on site for Jahra market

SALEH Al Khalaf, the Director of the Vegetables, Meat and Fish Market Project to be built in the Jahra area, said that Kuwait's Municipal Affairs Committee

would determine the site of the project at its next meeting. He added that the market, which will cover a 32,000 square metre area, will be supervised by the General Warehouse Company and will serve about 336,000 consumers.

In addition to the market area, the project will include administrative offices for the Municipality, Customs, the Ministry of Commerce and the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Resources.

Al Khalaf said that the project is expected to be built near the commercial and administrative centre of Jahra, adding that Jileeb Al Shiyoukh, Fahaahej, and Faialka are planning similar projects.

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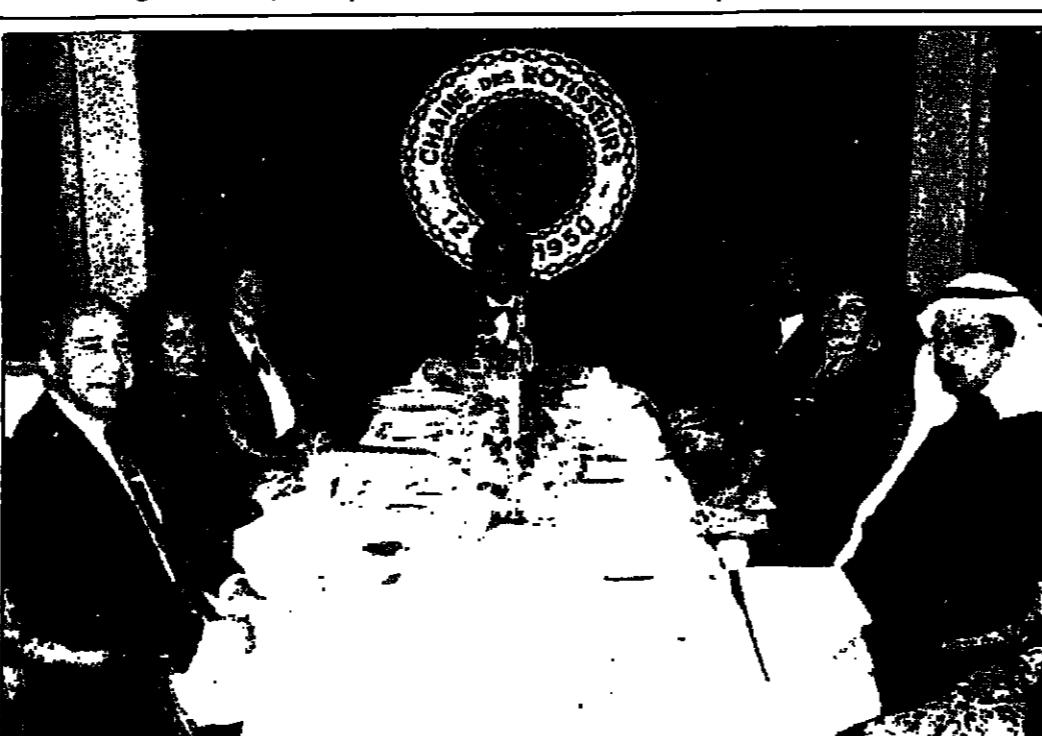
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● Members and guests of the Kuwait Chapter of the Chaine des Rotisseurs had a gala dinner at the Sheraton Hotel's Riccardo Restaurant on Feb 20. The guest of honour was the Charge d'Affaires at the Swiss Embassy, Franco Besomi. Picture shows (from left, clockwise): executive assistant manager of the Sheraton Hotel, G Rahwangi, Mrs Al Manna, Mrs Rahwangi, Mohamed Najia, Franco Besomi, Mrs Najia, and Faisal Al Manna.

US, Iraqi officials hold talks to avoid accidental missile attacks

ON board the USS Coronado in the Arabian Gulf, (UPI): Iraqi authorities in Baghdad this week told a high ranking American military delegation that "they did not realise the gravity of what was going on" when Iraqi pilots fired two missiles within eight miles of two American warships on Feb 7 and Feb 12.

Marine Gen George B Crist, Commander in Chief of the United States Central Command which directs American naval operations including convoy escorts for flagged tankers, yesterday did not say that the US had received either "guarantees" against another USS Stark or "apologies." But he said the Baghdad mission, consisting of officers of the joint chiefs of staff and five of his own command, and the Iraqis "have sorted out some problems that were not working right."

Necessary

These involved "deconfliction procedures" with the Badger, "a big aircraft that carries missiles."

"It was necessary that we talked ... to be sure that both sides understood how that aircraft is to be employed," Crist said.

His remarks were in answer to wide ranging questions from a press pool, held aboard this flagship after a tradition-rich naval ceremony at which Rear Admiral Harold J Bensen was replaced by Rear Admiral Anth-

ony "Tony" Less, as commander of Crist's Middle East force.

At the press conference, Crist made it clear he did not agree with a report from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that there is a "realistic possibility" that Iraq is losing the war with Iran.

However, he added: "I do not necessarily think Iraq is the winner." He had been asked how a possible Iraqi defeat might imperil Central Command's task in the Gulf.

On other key subject, Crist said:

"There have been no changes in rules for escorting only US flagged ships, even though several American owned ships this week

turned to the British flag for protection, and heavy pressure is mounting in from US owners of foreign flag vessels. Only military chartered vessels and one US-owned, non-Kuwaiti ship, the SS Texaco Californian, have ventured here and received naval protection, Crist said.

— There has been no protocol to increase US-Soviet naval cooperation in the Gulf, despite a recent joint mine searching operation.

Asked how American citizen seamen on US-flagged tankers could be "security" problem, as Defence Department spokesmen have said, Crist said he could see no problem with Americans on the ships.

CNN pulls out from Gulf media war

DUBAI, Feb 28, (Reuters): The first of America's four television networks covering the Gulf tanker war for the past seven months pulled out of the costly Dubai-based media operation today.

Ben McNitt of Cable News Network (CNN) told Reuters the group's Atlanta headquarters had decided to end its round-the-clock watch on the Gulf as the operation was no longer cost-effective in news value.

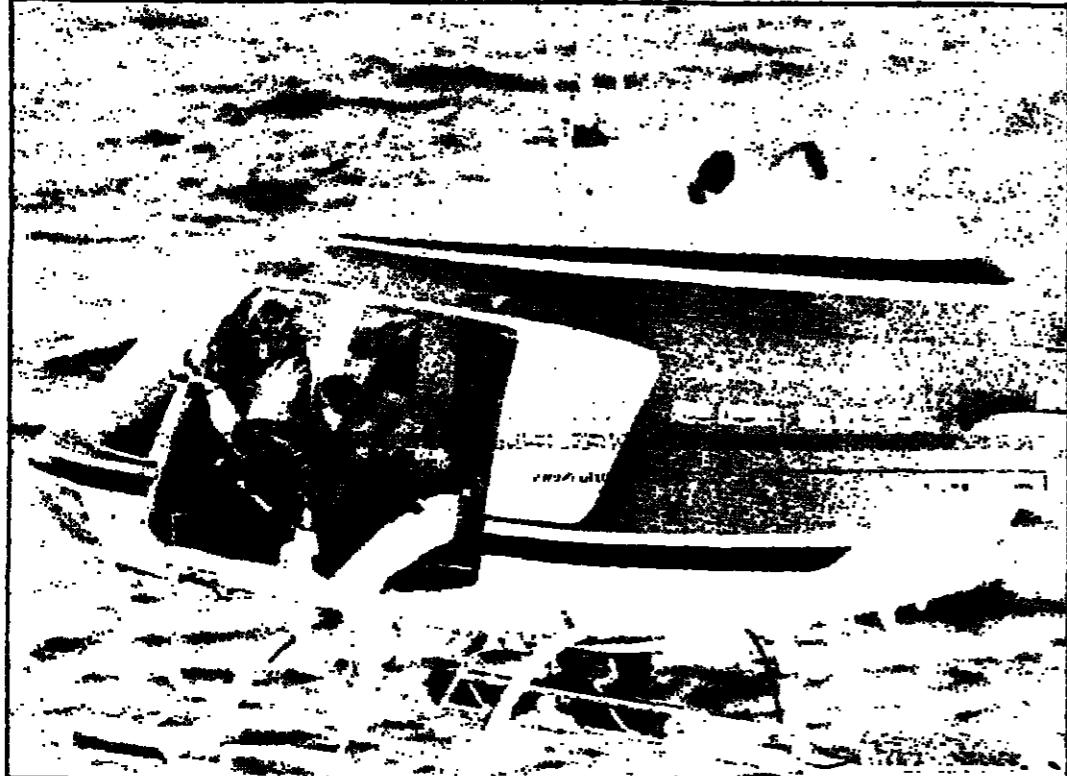
American and British television companies followed Western navies into the Gulf last July to provide often dramatic coverage of Iran and Iraq's escalating tanker war spawned by their seven-year-old ground conflict.

In what one reporter dubbed a "war within a war" the rival net-

works spent up to \$10,000 dollars a day, at the height of world interest last summer, operating from helicopters, fixed-wing aircraft and privately-hired ships to dog the wakes of US-escorted convoys, Western minesweepers and the Iranian Navy.

Confrontation
Media helicopters have been fired on by the Iranian Navy, rescued crews from blazings tankers and landed on a supertanker to warn the captain of mines ahead. A media-hired ship was rammed in a confrontation with a US frigate.

But as the convoys settled into uneventful routine and Iran and Iraq's tit-for-tat war on Gulf ships eased this year, the networks have been cutting back sharply on costs.



Photographers in a helicopter chartered by the American CNN television network and international news agencies swing into action in the Gulf to cover the tanker war. (Reuters wirephoto)

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Kuwaitis urged to work as imams

ABDUL Rahman Al Fares, the Assistant Undersecretary of Kuwait's Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs for Mosques and Pilgrimage Affairs, said that qualified Kuwaiti youths are invited to work as volunteer imams at mosques. He added that these volunteers would need to have an understanding of the Islamic culture and background and be able to pass the examination required by the Ministry which tests their knowledge of Islam and the Arabic language.

Al Fares denied that the ministry placed obstacles in the way of Kuwaitis being appointed as imams, adding that imams address the various problems of Muslims around the world in their Friday sermons.

He added that the ministry sent 151 teachers of Islam as missionaries to 39 countries and sends Muslim scholars to some of the Gulf states during Ramadan to lecture about Islam.

He said the ministry would receive 30 new mosques this year.

National Day reception

RIYADH, Feb 28, (Kuna): Kuwaiti Ambassador to Riyadh Abdul Rahman Al Baker held a reception party here last night on the occasion of the National Day of the country.

The party was attended by Saudi Interior Minister Prince Nayef Bin Abdul Aziz, other ministers, members of Arab and Islamic diplomatic corps as well as several distinguished personalities.

10 traffic accidents

A BOY died after being knocked down by a speeding car in Sulaibiya area yesterday.

There were 10 traffic accidents in Kuwait. Five took place in Ahmadi, three in Jahra and two in Hawalli.

The visit will be the first by an Arab leader to Egypt after eleven Arab countries restored diplomatic relations with Cairo.

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The Prosthetic Centre was established in 1965 with five specialists. Bustain said that the centre's role at that time was just to take measurements for patients and the actual manufacturing of the prosthesis was done in Cairo or London.

The centre, located in

Amman, Jordan, has 56 specialists who manufacture prostheses needed in cases of paraparesis and amputation, medical shoes and belts and a number of other instruments required in cases of limb malformation.

The centre's most recent invention is an artificial hand which can be controlled through brain sensors which stimulate muscle movement in the hand and fingers.

Bustain said the centre's services are offered free of charge to citizens and expatriates who have lived in Kuwait for more than five years and those who have spent less than five years in Kuwait, pay a token fee equivalent to 10 per cent of the cost of the services and prostheses.

Charged

Visitors to Kuwait are charged

20 per cent of the cost price, he said, adding that it takes between

two and three weeks to manufacture a prosthesis.

Bustain said that the centre had manufactured about 783 compensatory prostheses in 1987 for paraparesis cases and 111 prostheses for upper and lower limbs.

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● A representative from the Crown Prince and Prime Minister's Office, Sheikh Mubarak Faisal Saud Al Sabah, attended the distribution of assistance provided by the Kuwait government to Lebanon in the form of truck-loads of food, books and school necessities. Kuwait's Ambassador to Syria, Ahmed J Jassem, and a number of Lebanese officials were present. Top picture shows officials, and the bottom picture shows some of the goods.



Prince Nayef warns Iranians against hajj demos

WASHINGTON, Feb 28, (Kuna): Saudi Arabia's Interior Minister warned in an interview published here today of the possible need for harsh measures should Iranian pilgrims again try to disrupt the Hajj in Makkah this summer.

Prince Nayef Ibn Abdul Aziz, speaking to the New York Times in his office in Riyadh, said that the kingdom valued its role as protector of the holy places of Islam.

And reaffirmed the right of all Muslims, "regardless of nationality and even regardless of their political views," to perform their religious duty in Makkah.

But at the same time, the senior Saudi official stressed, "we welcome (the Iranians) as Muslims, but they will not be allowed to demonstrate."

The UAE was the first Arab state to announce resumption of diplomatic ties with Egypt in November last year.

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INDIAN VIDEO ROUNDUP

Shahenshah:
a damp squib

By Fathima Ahmed

IN an episode of a teleserial called *Manoranjan*, a spoof on filmmaking in Bombay, two producers call a meeting of the producers guild to settle a dispute about the similarities in the story they are filming. While discussing the story, the producers — 20 — discover similarities not only in the disputed theme but also in the films that they are producing. The producers are up in arms. Then, maddeningly the guild chairman walks in and declares: "Don't worry. The people out there (pointing significantly at the camera and towards us) are gullible idiots. They won't see the similarities. They'll judge a film on the basis of who's acting in it." For example, an Amitabh Bachchan starrer will still draw crowds.

Put Amitabh Bachchan — the actor — in the most banal situation and he comes out tops, even as the puffing and panting Shahenshah. That, perhaps, is the secret of Amitabh's success. Despite his political fiasco, the actor resiliently bounced back as Shahenshah, a role that is a cross between Superman and Robinhood. The legend of the superstar has survived.

Will the movie? Shahenshah is a stale joke told once to often, and repeatedly by Tinnu Anand. After the publicity blitz — and anti-Shahenshah slogans — one expected more originality from director Anand, who in a recent interview with a film magazine vaguely admitted that the movie was inspired by *Meet John Doe*.

He did not mention that Shahenshah is a pot-pourri of four successful films — *Kalia*, *Sholay*, *Deewar* and *Andha Kanoon*. To be fair to Tinnu Anand, or whoever wrote the story (it has been credited to Jaya Bachchan), only the best parts have been lifted from those films and neatly packaged in the guise of Shahenshah.

Who is Shahenshah? "I am Shahenshah," he hisses, followed by a long, meaningful sigh. It seems the messiah of the

poor is perpetually out of breath. Not surprisingly. Stronger than the Superman (though he does not confess to having super-natural powers) he annihilates dozens of foul-looking (perhaps, foul-smelling too) Shahenshahs with one powerful blow. The villains, we are told, become milkmen after Shahenshah visits them. He appears by night and disappears in the daylight hours.

His job during the day is a different story. Vijay is a slimy police officer who accepts "sweets" (bribes) for the family from offenders and turns a blind eye as they mess around in the neighbourhood.

One gambler walks in and says: "I believe in sharing; in return I want you to ignore my business."

With betel leaf juice dripping down his chin, Vijay replies: "I have shut my eyes and ears. I don't see anything. I don't hear anything."

Vijay's character — timid, shy and gullible — is based on Kalia's, before his transformation to godfather. Vijay, by day runs from thugs, by night the Shahenshahs is on the prowl to blow up a storm.

The most bizarre climate sequence is the court scene in the film. In *Andha Kanoon*, Amitabh enters the court room and murders the man for whose death he had been jailed. In Shahenshah, Vijay's killer looks make no amends for the disastrous, dramatic and bizarre entry of Juhi (Aruna Irani), the key witness in the case against Juhi (Anuradha Puri), who is the instigator behind the charade. Shahenshah's method of meting out justice is as extreme as Vijay's bravery in safeguarding Juhi.

If the film has been drawing crowds in India, it could be because of the need for a Superman-like character — to clean up the mess — nepotism, corruption, political decay, smuggling and other such vices rampant in society. And that have been portrayed from the umpteenth time in the film.

Watching Shahenshah, the movie, is like looking for gems and finding dead wood beneath



Amitabh Bachchan

the debris. Watching Amitabh the superstar as Shahenshah is a delightful experience because even as he huffs and puffs he weaves his magic spell. He looks like a shape, inspite of dark circles around his eyes cleverly hidden by make-up, and in form, prowling or fooling around with delectable Meenakshi Seshadri, who plays Shalu, a petty thief. In an Amitabh Bachchan film, everyone else seems insignificant. Not, though, Meenakshi. As Shalu, she exudes pomph and charm as she rips off the rich in a series of comic capers, matching Amitabh's talent with her own uninhibited style.

Nari Hira's Naqli Chehra is merciless, yet stylish, in its attempt to peel the hypocritical masks to show the ugly face of reality.

Superficiality has been exposed through the characters portrayed in the film.

One by one, the masks fall off



Aruna Irani

and the true face of the people emerges. The socialite who feels superior falls with a thud when the tax man puts her husband in jail for hoarding money.

Another myth explodes when a young, lovelorn man finds out he has been taken on a ride by a wealthy girl, who

marries him to avoid shame. The rich and wealthy are certainly a shallow lot in Naqli Chehra.

What shines in Nari Hira's film are the undercurrents that are prevalent around us, the false promises that are made and broken arbitrarily, the untruths that are passed off as realities, and an honest expose of emptiness cleverly hidden by hollow individuals.

The film stars Supriya Pathak, who plays a very convincing egocentric daughter of a wealthy businessman. Supriya is a good actress and breathes fire into the role as she interprets the character of Bubbles Chatwal, a girl who gets everything she wants at the expense of destroying everyone around her. Naqli Chehra offers far better themes than many recent Hindi film releases.

The above films are by courtesy of Athar Video, Main St., Farwaria. Tel: 4712900.



Tinnu Anand (right) with Amitabh and Meenakshi during the making of Shahenshah.

WHAT'S ON

THEATRE

ACT presents "An Evening of Absurdity" from March 7 to 10 at 8 pm at the Mousetrap Theatre, New English School, featuring two absurdly comic one-act plays, *The Bald Sorano* by Eugene Ionesco and *The America Dream* by Edward Albee. A special discount will be given for all opening-night tickets. For reservations ring 5639204-5620332-5725071.

Kuwait Little Theatre

KLT will perform the Vicar of Wakefield, an amusing tale by Oliver Goldsmith, in March. Gala evening on March 14 at 7.30 pm. Repeat performances on March 15, 16 and 17 at 8.15 pm. For reservations ring 5383274.

SOCIAL

Swedish Ladies

Get-together

The next coffee afternoon will be held on March 1, Tuesday, from 4 pm at the residence of Mrs Britt-Marie Bonnan.

Ladies Tea Party

The International Ladies Tea Party will hold a fancy dress competition at their next meeting on March 2 at the Kuwait Plaza Hotel. A karate expert will demonstrate self-defence techniques. For participating contact 5317391; 5383297.

General Meeting

ACT will hold their Annual General Meeting on Monday (Feb 29), 7.30 pm, at Mousetrap Theatre, NES. Sneak preview of current production "An Evening of Absurdity." Newcomers and everybody interested in ACT encouraged to attend AGM. For details phone 5620332; 5725071.

Kuwait Welsh Society

Annual St David's Day dinner at Messilah Beach Hotel on Tuesday, March 1. Singer Doreen Lewis will provide entertainment. For tickets and further details phone 4874548; 3912384.

Mina Bazaar

A Mina Bazaar will be held on March 4 at 9 am at the FPI ground, Sulaiibkh, to mark the Independence Day of Bangladesh. A cricket match between Bangladesh Reds and Bangladesh Greens will also be held. All are welcome.

Daniella

Daniella, a Danish group, invites all Danes to a coffee morning in Kuwait Towers from 9.30 am on March 6. For details contact Marianne 3948953 or Ingelise — 3903464.

Kuwait Irish Society

St Patrick's Day celebration on March 17 at the Holiday Inn Hotel. If interested contact 5621701/5622701, 8 am to 2 pm or 5624175 after 2 pm.

Flightriders

If your child is a Flightrider member and has not received invitation to Flightrider Party on March 3 contact 2413868 or 2425496.

Photography Contest

Kapilkul has extended the deadline for the Photography Contest. All entries must be submitted on or before March 31. Entrants must state the Kapilkul ID number on all entries. The entries will be judged on April 7. Winning entries

will be displayed at an exhibition hall (venue will be announced later). For further details contact 4877993.

Ghazai Singers

Well-known Indian ghazal singers Jagit and Chitra Singh will give a concert on March 4, Friday, at the Kuwait Hilton. Tickets on sale at the hotel.

SPORTS

Ladies Sports Club

Application forms are available from the Ras Al Ardh Sea Club for the proposed Ladies Sports club. The club is open from 9 am to 12 noon and 5 to 7 pm. Tel: 5740670.

Raft Race

Raft Race 1988 entry forms and rules are now available from the Messilah Beach Hotel. First captain's meeting at MBH, Al Fox Suite, on March 1, 6.30 pm. For further details contact the hotel, ext. 712/751/705.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV1

2.15 Holy Quran
2.30 World News via Satellite
3.30 Ibtal Al Ma'Laib: cartoons serial
4.40 News Summary
4.20 Ghadab Al Sahra: part 2 of Arabic serial, starring Abdul Rahman Al Rish, Sabar Rami, Talhath Hamdi.
5.10 Mama Anisa and Children
6.00 Cultural Film
6.45 News Summary
6.50 Weekend repeat
7.15 Our children and their future: ep. 3. local programme focusses on the role of children in Arab and Gulf countries. Tonight's guest, Dr Julian Abu Al Nasr of Beirut University, will discuss literature for Arab children.
8.15 Good Evening and Local News
9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Suraq Al Simt: daily Arabic serial, featuring Sami Jamil, Hamdi Ghait, Anwar Ismail, Mimi Jamal.
10.50 Daeraat Al Ahdath: "Circle of Events." Tonight's episode

Richard Kiley plays Gardner in the mini-series, *A Year in the Life*, at 10.30 pm on KTV2.

examines the services provided by Kuwait Television. Guests are Salem Al Fahad and Majed Bughdadi. Presented by Kamel Sultiman Abdul Jalil.
11.45 News Summary
11.50 World News via Satellite
12.30 Holy Quran, Close-down
8.00 News in English
8.40 The Law and Harry MacGraw: "The Fallen Arrow." Harry goes against all odds to clear a bookie of murder.
9.30 Horizon: BBC documentary.
10.30 Mini-Series: "A Year in the Life". The life, loves and fortunes of a middle-class American family are revealed in this mini-series, starring Richard Kiley, Eva Marie Saint, Wendy Phillips, Morgan Stevens and David Oliver.
11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown



Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

MORNING
6.00 Opening
6.02 Songs and Music
6.05 Science Journal
6.20 Songs and Music
6.30 News
6.45 Songs and Music
6.50 Daily Programme
6.55 Songs and Music
6.58 Writers and Their Works
6.59 Radio Magazine Supplement
10.00 Our Press Today
10.05 Songs and Music
11.00 News Broadcast
11.30 News on the FM Service
EVENING
21.00 Opening
21.02 Bits and Bites
21.30 News
21.45 Point of View
21.50 Songs and Music
21.55 News about Zionism
22.00 Magazine Special
22.45 Daily Programme
23.00 Pel Mel
24.00 Closedown

BBC World Services

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02 News about Britain
15 Health Matters
30 Album Time
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Good Books
30 Anything Goes
0400 Newsbreak
30 Augustus Carp Esq By Himself (ex 1st and 8th Five William Stories)
45 Reflections
50 Waveguide
6200 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Australia 200 years on (ex 15th Chemistry of Sex Appeal; 22nd You're Never Alone; 29th On the Border)

0700 World News
09 Commentary
15 Peaches' Choice
30 Science in Action
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09 Commentary
15 Good Books
30 Financial News followed by 1st The Wound Dresser; 8th Sri Lankan Phone-In; from 15th Feature/Drama
45 First Recordings of British Symphonies (ex 22nd and 29th Virtuoso)

0800-08.30 Easy Listening
08.30-08.40 News
08.40-10.00 Easy Listening
10.00-13.00 Songs and Music
13.00-13.30 Easy Listening
13.30-13.40 News
13.40-14.00 Easy Listening
14.00-16.00 Classical Music
16.00-17.00 Easy Listening
17.00-18.00 Latin American
18.00-19.00 Pop
19.00-20.00 Heiter Skelter
20.00-21.30 Pop
21.30-21.45 News
21.45-22.00 Pop
22.00-24.00 Jazz
24.00-24.30 Easy Listening
24.30-00200 Instrumental Listening

08.00-08.30 Easy Listening
08.30-08.40 News
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24.30-00200 Instrumental Listening

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Starring: Mahmoud Yaseen, Imaan.
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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

LEAP year is when February has a day that's even rarer than a day in June — Anonymous.

Bush ahead for Super Tuesday

By Michael Posner

WASHINGTON, (Reuter): With key primary elections just 10 days away, Vice-President George Bush appears well ahead in the Republican presidential race while no clear-cut winner has emerged among the Democrats.

Public opinion surveys show Bush leading Senate Republican leader Robert Dole, whose campaign looked troubled after he shook up his staff this week by firing two top advisers.

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Anglo-Irish relations plunge to lowest point

By Ed Lion

LONDON, (UPI): Relations between Britain and its one-time closest colony Ireland, touchy at the best of times, have plunged to their lowest point in years. The IRA emerges as the main beneficiary.

The present responses of the British government cannot be regarded as satisfactory," said Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey after meeting with his British counterpart, Margaret Thatcher, and after two inconclusive meetings of Anglo-Irish ministers.

He said the two nations conflict on one matter was at a "total impasse" and broadly hinted the Irish police will no longer cooperate as fully as they had with authorities in Northern Ireland.

Ireland already has halted extradition proceedings for IRA suspects wanted in Britain because Britain refused to comply with new Irish requirements to outline the case against them beforehand.

"The behaviour of the British government showed no understanding whatsoever for the sensitivities of Irish people," said moderate Northern Irish Catholic politician Seamus Mallon.

Mallon, who sits in the British parliament, complained there had only been three convictions in the cases of security force killings of 166 civilians with no paramilitary connections in Northern Ireland since 1969.

Struggle

The outlawed Irish Republican Army has been waging a decades-long armed struggle against British rule in mostly Protestant Northern Ireland so it can be united with the Catholic Irish Republic. It wants a "socialist state" set up in its place.

appearance in South Carolina. The Bush-Robertson battle has grown increasingly heated with the former preacher lashing out at the vice-president's "sleazy" campaign tactics.

Bush has taken Robertson to task for controversial remarks including claims that his Christian broadcast network once knew the location of American hostages in Lebanon and that the Soviet Union had placed nuclear missiles in Cuba.

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Palestinians in Israeli occupied areas are now organised

Uprising turning into war of attrition

By Louis Toscano

NABLUS, Israeli-occupied West Bank, (UPI): Southpaws were in great demand on Sheikh Musalem Street the other day.

An Israeli Army patrol was on the far side of a gate arching over a narrow passageway, and only left-handers in the mob of Palestinian protesters milling in the street could reach the soldiers with a rock.

Jamal, a 24-year-old protest leader, surveyed the young boys standing around him in a cold drizzle and asked for left-handers. Three youths eagerly pushed to the front, raced up the street and began flinging stones and small chunks of concrete at the troops.

The assault collapsed a few minutes later, but Jamal was still ecstatic about the performance.

"Before, right-handers would have thrown rocks and they never would have reached their targets," he said, smiling broadly. "But now it is better. Now we are organised."

The bloody uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip that erupted in spontaneous fury three months ago is slowly evolving into a well-orchestrated, tight-

ing of forces. women's groups and even

the local boy scouts in the fight against Israel.

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Confront

"What we confront is a widespread violent uprising led by a nucleus of activists that enjoys the support and cooperation of the masses," acknowledged Maj Gen Ehud Barak, deputy Chief of Staff of the Israeli Defence Forces.

"I can't state for sure that if all the leaders were arrested, no one else would take their place," he said. "It is not going to end tomorrow morning or next week."

Interviews with military officials, Palestinian activists and residents of the West Bank and Gaza showed the leadership, acting together as the "unified national command of the uprising," is coordinating efforts by business and trade organisations, women's groups and even

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Tactics

Some Israeli soldiers contend the youths they encounter these days have grasped, however unwittingly, basic field tactics such as flanking and ambush, diversion and tactical retreat.

"You people (reporters) portray this as the big, bad Army against a bunch of little boys," complained Capt Yossi, military regulations prohibit the use of his last name. "Well,

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Barriacade

More ominously, even young children are being drilled in the practical aspects of revolt. Occupied Jerusalem police recently caught a 7-year-old boy in the Shuafat refugee camp making a Molotov cocktail, using a widely distributed "how to" poster.

The new organisation and the increasingly sophisticated tactics were clearly evident one recent rainy afternoon in Nablus, the largest city in the West Bank.

The day before, soldiers had shot and killed three Palestinians after Muslim prayers at the main mosque in the old city. The shebab were thirsting for a rematch.

Intervention

Panamians opposing Noriega.

Nicaragua's leftist President Daniel Ortega, quickly pledged support to Noriega — a gesture that appealed to US officials who label Ortega, fighting the US-backed Contra rebels, as an enemy of democracy.

Intervention

Some US lawmakers said American military intervention might be necessary but Delvalle rejected that idea and Reagan also ruled it out.

But one US official said privately it was an option to protect more than 29,000 Americans living in Panama if they were deemed in danger.

Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci said he felt there was no such threat and that US forces had not been put on a high state of alert.

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unit in case anything happens to one of our fighters. We have an offence and we have a defence. The offence charges the soldiers and the defence stays back. When the Army charges, the offence retreats, but the defence covers for them. They throw stones as the Army moves forward.

Offence

"The people who play offence are the fastest and the ones who have the most courage," Jamal said. "On the defence, you have to be able to use the slingshot because it has a longer range."

Sounding like a battlefield briefing, Jamal used the previous day's confrontation to show how the tactics worked.

"As the crowd left the mosque, the Army backed away," he explained. "So the shebab advanced on the ground and over rooftops toward the Army, throwing stones at the soldiers."

"The stone-throwing was very accurate," he added proudly. "We had some direct hits."

Several hours earlier, an Army spokesman defended the use of live ammunition, saying soldiers faced "life-threatening" pressure.

rope that involved supporting Panama, democracy and the political situation, while trying not to fan Noriega's charges of Yankee intervention in a region which often accuses Washington of domineering behaviour.

Assistant Secretary of State Elliott Abrams met recently with Delvalle to discuss the situation in Panama.

"His message to Delvalle was obviously that Noriega had to go," one US official told Reuters.

Alerted

The official insisted that while the United States was alerted in advance that Delvalle, who spent several hours at the US consulate in Panama City on Thursday, would act against Noriega, details were not worked out with Washington.

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Roh won popular mandate by distancing from Chun

SEOUL, (UPI): Former General Roh Tae-Woo, South Korea's new president, won a popular mandate by distancing himself from his friend and predecessor, the remote and autocratic Chun Doo Hwan.

In 1979 Roh threw his troops behind the coup bid which propelled his fellow major-general to power. He subsequently served Chun in a series of key positions, becoming identified in the public mind as a man of the same tough mould as the president.

The pressure was stepped up when Roh was indicted earlier this month by two Florida juries on charges of drug trafficking and racketeering. Congress heard testimony that he had turned Panama into a drug haven and pocketed millions of dollars.

At a news conference on Wednesday, Reagan was unusually blunt in urging Noriega's ouster.

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Record prices for contemporary art

India's art bazaar is flourishing

IT was the ultimate in art-collectors' ego trip, India's hottest scramble for canvas. Last December, when Christie's auctioneer Tom Craig's silver-hammered hammer came down at the ballroom of Taj Mahal Hotel in Bombay at the last bid for M.F. Hussain's Mother Teresa — a mindblowing Rs 5 lakhs (approximately \$50,000) — even the most cynical in the country's newly galvanised art bazaar had to admit that new frontiers were being set to prices of contemporary painting.

For 34 works by contemporary painters, many of which were so small that you could pass them off as Christmas cards, Helpage India, the charitable organisation on behalf of which the auction was organised, netted nearly Rs 20 lakhs (\$200,000) an average yield of around Rs 60,000 (\$6000) per frame. Said Craig: "Even if you don't read rupee for dollar, this is a most impressive auction by any standard."

High-voltage

The 120-minute high-voltage auction, tinged heavily with glamour and showbiz, had a surprise every moment. For New York-based painter S.H. Raza's Sourya, a non-figurative acrylic-on-canvas, frenetic bidding went on between the scions of two large industrial groups — Ashok Birla and Harsh Goenka. At the fall of the hammer, the bid had gone up to a dizzy Rs 2 lakhs, nearly four times the price at which a Raza painting of the same size and importance is available with the galleries. Minoo Mody of the Tata group, who bought the Husain painting on behalf of the Tata Iron and

Steel Company (Tisco), also paid Rs 36,000 (\$3,600) for a Ram Kumar landscape, an amount which exceeds the prevailing price of the Delhi-based abstract artist by at least 50 per cent. An exquisite study in blue of a fisherman by Bhupen Khakhar, the Baroda painter, fetched Rs 1,20,000 (\$12,000) — the highest price at which his paintings have sold in India so far.

Only three months ago, Arun Sachdev of Bombay's Gallery Seven had sold painter Navjot's work on canvas, Hope II, for a measly Rs 8,000 (\$800). Now the same painting was offered for the Christie's auction and fetched a whopping Rs 85,000 (\$8,500). Said Sachdev: "It added a zero in three months." Nasreen Mohammadi's ink-on-paper, barely one foot long, commanded a last bid of Rs 9,500 (\$950) when Craig put his hammer down. Shipping magnate Dilip De, husband of gossip writer Shobha De, bagged an abstract painting by Laxman Shreshtha, a study in contrast between warm red and cold steely blue for a pulse-quickening Rs 90,000. (\$9,000). One of the most significant beneficiaries of the price-game was the highly acclaimed but little sold Bengali painter Jogen Chowdhury. Till recently, Chowdhury's watercolours and small-sized mixed media works were selling for Rs 4,000 (\$400) to Rs 5,000. (\$500) But the Taj Hotel auction witnessed the price of an ink-and-pastel work by him done on paper measuring just 40 inches in width, skyrocketing to Rs 20,000. (\$2000). The sale of the painting, captioned Couple II, and accompanied with supersensitive hatching which are more eerie than pleasing, throws light on yet another hidden trend on the art market today: buyers are ready to accept non-decorative art.

Impressive

Equally impressive were the bids for veteran Delhi painter Krishen Khanna's acrylic-on-canvas, St Francis and the Wolf, and Calcutta painter Bikash Bhattacharjee's small work in mixed media, Kerfo. Khanna had set a reserve price of Rs 40,000 (\$4000) for his work. A veteran of many auctions, he had predicted to this correspondent only a week ago: "My reserve is realistic. I know this painting will draw exactly Rs 40,000." Well, he was wide off the mark by exactly 100 percent, for his price went up to Rs 80,000 (\$8,000). And Bhattacharjee, who normally

charges Rs 8,000 for work of a similar size, realised Rs 16,000. (\$1600) his painting having been bought by K.P.V. Nair, a Calcutta-based businessman.

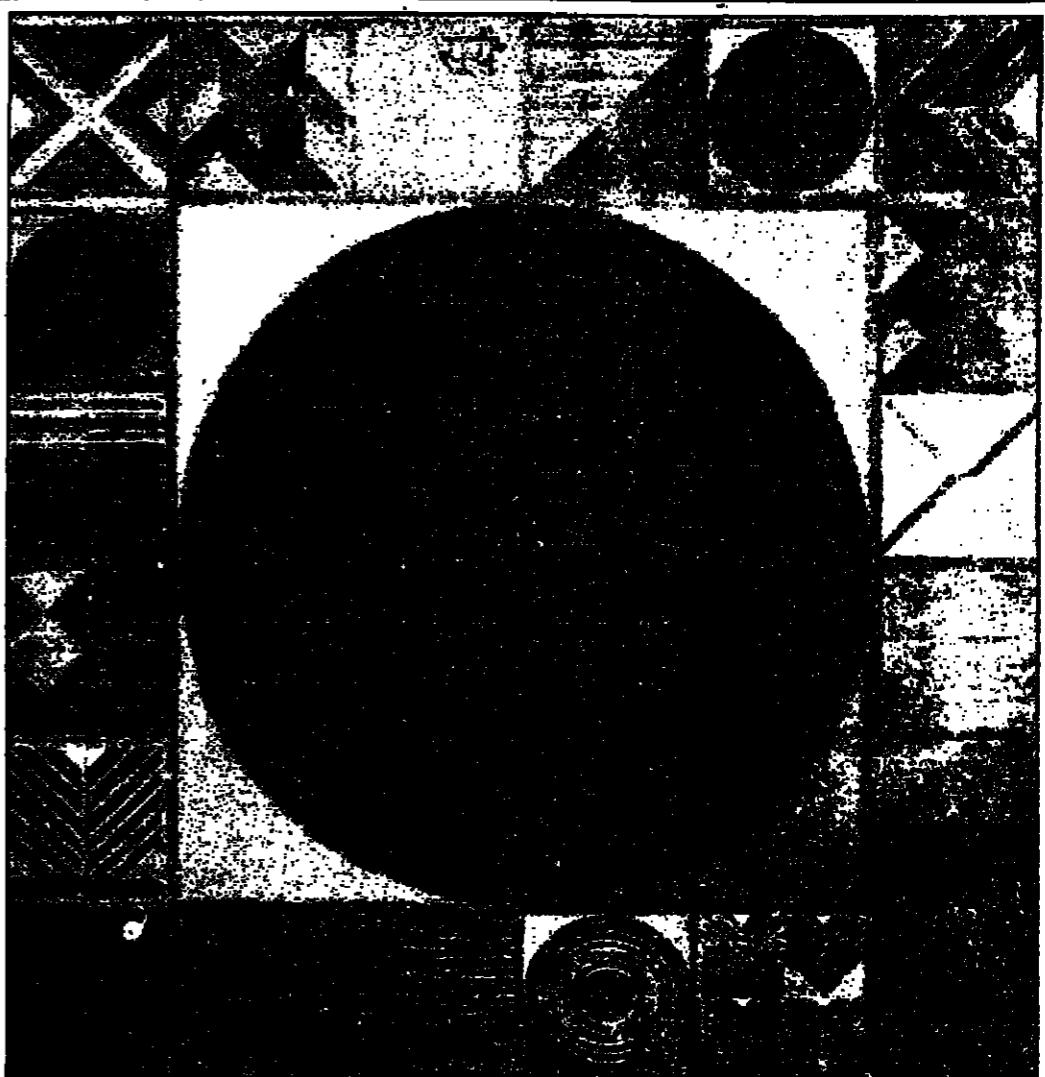
There were a few disappointments too. Jeram Patel's acrylic-on-canvas, Black Form One, went back unsold as the final bid of Rs 10,000 (\$1000) fell short of his reserve price. And Give Patel could not sell his utterly gimmicky Lighted Platform, a nearly seven feet long canvas which merely plays with perspective because the offer of Rs 18,000 (\$1800) was much less than the reserve price. Out of 37 works offered, only three went back. Craig later explained that even in the West, the sale to return ratio of contemporary art was hardly ever better than 60:40.

Lines were, therefore, clearly drawn between the serious and the showy, the committed and

the tawdry. But still, the enigma persisted as to why were the assorted moneybags offering prices that were patently higher than market rates. When asked, Modi shot back: "Why not? Isn't it a good cause?" Significantly, in a similar auction held recently in Delhi's Maurya Sheraton Hotel, bids were appallingly low — so low that a Husain painting went back unsold following a final offer of only Rs 40,000. (\$4000). The Maurya auction too was for a "good cause", the Indian Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

Art auction, like most auctions, is akin to blood sports in which heart beats rise with the bids and man's possessive instincts get the better of his judgement. Perhaps it was the aura of the Christie's that set the price-barriers tumbling this time around.

Courtesy: Sunday



Hussain's Mother Teresa: highest price for any contemporary Indian painting.



Sourya, an acrylic on canvas by artist Raza went for Rs 2 lakhs (\$20,000).

£30,000 stamp without a price



THIS humble 13p postage stamp (top) is expected to sell for £30,000, because the price was left off when it was printed 12 years ago. It was one of the 'Roses' series and depicts a sweet briar.

The stamp will be sold by tender on March 10 by the London dealer B. Alan Ltd. "I would say it is the rarest stamp of this sort from the current Elizabethan reign, and it is in mint condition", Mr James Skinner of the firm said. He would not disclose the identity of the vendor, but said it was not the person who bought the stamp over a Post Office counter in 1976.

B. Alan is a specialist in misprinted stamps. Past examples include a 3p 1965 Post Office Tower stamp with the tower missing, and a 1969 QE2 stamp with the liner apparently sinking due to the absence of black colouring. The market price of these, however, is a mere £1,000.

The high value of the briar rose stamp is due to the error originating on the printing cylinder, rather than in the inking. When the Post Office discovered the flaws it announced that the stamps and the cylinder had been destroyed. However, Mr Skinner said, in the Dover area a small batch slipped the net.

Social comment on canvas

NEW YORK: An exhibition of paintings by Pakistani artist Zafar Qureishi was held in a Manhattan gallery recently.

The artist, a former journalist and children's cartoonist, made a strong impact on critics with his bold impressionistic style and the political content of his paintings.

Many of Zafar Qureishi's works went his feeling at the prevailing social and political injustices in his own country which led him to seek a new life in the USA. Indeed at first

glance Qureishi paintings appear to be merely decorative until they are viewed in the context of their intriguing titles which give them a whole new meaning.

A picture of two village beauties with water pitchers on their heads is entitled "Acquiring Awacs". Zafar explains: "We don't have drinking water in our villages and women have to walk miles to get a pitcher of water. Yet we are buying sophisticated weapons and spy planes."



'The Forgotten' by Pakistani artist Zafar Qureishi.

Another painting of a group of women is called "The Forgotten." "This" says the artist "portrays the plight of an important segment in our society. In recent times women have been pushed back and more and more stringent segregation is taking place."

Zafar lamented that while there was tremendous scope for creating an awareness through art there was no market for such art in Pakistan. "Artists have to please the buyers so they create mere decorations" he said.

NEW YORK, NY: Between 1975 and 1979 BMW AG, the Munich-based manufacturer of exclusive automobiles and motorcycles, collaborated with four American artists to provide each with a BMW race car as a medium to express their visions of power and motion.

The cars created by Alexander Calder, Frank Stella, Roy Lichtenstein and Andy Warhol, and the debut of a newly commissioned BMW 635CSi by Robert Rauschenberg, as well as works in other media by the artists, comprise "Art/Car: BMW and 5 American Artists," at The BMW Gallery, November through February.

The BMW Gallery is a 7,000 square foot exhibition center located at 320 Park Avenue at 51st Street. "The Gallery is designed to present the style of BMW, both as an international business leader and as the manufacturer of exclusive vehicles," explains Gunter Kramer, chairman of BMW of North America, the Montvale, NJ-based importer.

"The Gallery is unique in our industry since this space in the center of New York is devoted

Artistic expression on wheels



Exhibition of BMW cars painted by Calder, Stella, Lichtenstein, and Warhol.

to art and displays of the products, technology and heritage of our company, not

retail selling," he adds. Art/Car is the second exhibition at The Gallery since it opened in June. Each of the artists featured in Art/Car has made major contributions to 20th Century art,

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An artist has to sell his work because he has to live. But it is not right to say that the market conditions the work of an artist. In 1932, I sold my first painting — a landscape — for Rs 10. And now, my reserve price for the Christie's auction is Rs 6 lakhs.

But money has played no part in the progression of the artist in me. I have painted whatever I have liked: the society had put price-tags on them. In 1957, I offered one of my best works, The Spider and the Lamp, a six feet by four feet oil-on-canvas, to the National Museum of Modern Art for — can you believe — Rs 500. They did not take it then.

But now the National Museum at West Berlin has offered the equivalent of Rs 10 lakhs for the same work, but I am not giving it to anyone. Did I think of price when I painted it? No artist does so.

People have often accused me of having dabbled in politics, of having painted to order. But it's not true at all. Yes, I did paint Indira Gandhi as Durga astride a tiger. That

was during the Emergency. But nobody noticed that I was merely playing with forms — the goddess had become merely an extension of the beast. Nobody noticed the irony, but that's exactly what happens when people become too eager to read meaning into art, to analyse, to intellectualise, and finally to put labels.

As an artist, I have always rebelled against labels and stereotypes. My early paintings — the stuff that I used to do in the 50's — was some kind of an exploration of Indian village life. I travelled miles after miles on foot... travelled and painted. Finally, I celebrated that experience with an opera-like work, a large canvas of 15 feet which I called Zameen. You'll see it at the National Museum of Modern Art. I used to live in a small house on Grand Road, and nowhere could I have a 15-foot wall. So I folded up the canvas. But it became my ultimate statement on village life. I got Rs 6000 for that, my first big money.

But now I can never stick for a long time to one artistic milieu. After Zameen, I visited London, and was taken in by cold, rational themes. Then began a 'grey' period in my career. Cool, rational forms, no flashy colours. But I got fed up with that too, the phase culminating with my big work, Voices.

As told to Sunil Mitra
Courtesy Sunday Magazine.

exploring, in depth, the relationship between art and technology as well as the popular imagery of modern life. Except for these five machines, the automobile, surely one of the dynamic symbols of our age, has rarely been the medium for an artist," states Kramer.

The BMW Gallery exhibit includes the scale models from which the car designs were transferred. The cars created between 1975 and 1979 were raced in the 24 Hours of Le Mans, then retired for exhibit in leading museums throughout Europe and the United States. The Whitney in New York, High Museum in Atlanta, Cheekwood in Nashville, Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh, and the Denver Art Museum have exhibited the cars.

The BMW Gallery is an extension of the philosophy of the BMW Museum at the company's world headquarters in Munich. Opened in 1972, in conjunction with the Olympic Games taking place across the street, the Museum has become one of the most popular in Munich.

By Anne Gottlieb

IT was an interview like no other I've ever done. The neat, energetic, silver-haired man looked up from the piece of paper I'd given him, smiled and said, "All right, you can ask questions — now that I know you!"

And Carlos Pedregal did know me, impossible as that seemed. For during the 20 minutes we'd spent together, I had not said a word about myself. Yet he knew all about the childish idealism that had gotten me into trouble as a writer ("maddeningly hopeful," one critic called my last book) and about complexities of my private life not even known to my best friends.

Carlos Pedregal is not a psychic or a mind reader. He is an internationally known graphologist — a handwriting analyst — and he had just studied a sample of my handwriting.

Okay, I was convinced. There's got to be something to handwriting analysis if a stranger can read my romantic his-

the problem: What he'd see in a famous person's handwriting might not be the familiar public image but perhaps a side of that person she or he didn't want us to know.

Graphologists claim that handwriting doesn't lie: If a person pretends to be something she isn't not only will the pretense itself show in her writing, but her real passions and conflicts will hang out like a Frederick's of Hollywood slip under a dress-for-success skirt. With that warning in mind, Pedregal scrutinized my samples. (I did tell him each writer's sex — something that graphologists can't tell from handwriting.)

Sample 1. "A bookworm," Pedregal said without hesitation. "Intellectual, scientific, cultured. Shy and closed in himself but very capable ... an important man." He had just analysed the handwriting of Jonas Salk, discoverer of polio vaccine.

Sample 2. This one is a signature, but an illegible one. "Ego-centric," he said. "Great imagination ... a tendency to lie

Mind your P's and Q's

What you write is what you are

To an expert, your handwriting reveals as much about your personality as the words you write. Just as your fingerprints attest to the individuality of your body, your 'brain-prints' — the curves and angles, dots and slashes you make when you write express the uniqueness of your personality.

"Today I pay for everybody!" Pedregal was surprised to learn that this was the famous outlaw Jesse James. "There's no aggressiveness in his handwriting." He concluded that Jesse James must have been a kind of Robin Hood.

Sample 4. Another illegible signature. "Superficial, with an imagination verging on the pathological," Pedregal said. "She alters the world to conform to her desires. Her whole life is just a big show, and everybody in the world is the audience." He was talking about seven-times-married Elizabeth Taylor.

Intrigued by Carlos Pedregal's virtuoso demonstration, I decided to do a little investigating of my own to find out more about graphology itself. How can our sexuality and anger, creativity and brains, timidity and generosity all be visible in our handwriting?

Study

I learned that the study of handwriting as a key to personality has been around for almost as long as writing itself. The first record of it dates from the Roman Empire, over 1,800 years ago, when a historian commented on the handwriting of the emperor and what it revealed about his character.

About 400 years ago, an Italian doctor made the first systematic attempt to link handwriting traits with personality traits (like those open-spaced a's and o's that spill out Jesse James's largesse).

More recently Charles Dickens, Edgar Allan Poe and Albert Einstein have been among those fascinated by handwriting as the self-portrait of a soul. Modern graphology is considered a legitimate branch of psychology in Europe and South America. It's taught in major universities and used as

personnel selection by 85 per cent of firms in Holland, West Germany and Switzerland.

In the United States, graphology has been slower to catch on. Over 3,000 companies now use it as an aid to hiring, but many won't admit it publicly. The problem: Graphology was first introduced here in the 1930s as an entertainment, so it got tossed into the grab bag of the popular occult along with astrology and card reading.

Graphologists have always protested that classification — and some psychologists and doctors agree that graphology

has a much stronger claim to validity, for while there's no proven link between our lives and the cards or stars, the connection between hand and brain is direct and physical.

"Handwriting is brain writing," says Ivy Helstein, M.A., a Long Island, New York, psychotherapist who has used graphology in her practice. "It's the unconscious mind being conveyed down to the fingers."

As proof that writing comes from the brain, Andrea McNichol, European-trained president of Graphology Consultants International in Los

Angeles, says that when wounded Vietnam vets learn to use a pen skillfully with mouth or toes, their writing is much the same as it was before the injury.

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"No two people on earth write the same way," says Andrea McNichol. That's why trained handwriting analysts can spot a forgery, according to Graphological Services International president Ruth Brayer, M.A., who offers forgery-detection seminars to major New York banks.

The usefulness of graphology for identification purposes is undisputed even in the United States: Graphological testimony is now admissible in court in nine states, and handwriting experts have been called on by attorneys and police detectives all over the country to help validate wills and identify criminals. Andrea McNichol and other graphologists helped unmask notorious Nazi doctor Joseph Mengele, who lived in South America under a false identity but could not disguise his handwriting.

The more fascinating and controversial claim of graphology, of course, is that it not only can tell you apart from everyone else but can also describe how you feel about your mother, whether you are honest, what jobs you'd be good at and whether you are an optimist or a pessimist.

Graphologists study more than 300 different signs in your handwriting — including slant, pressure, spacing, rhythm, margins, how you form and connect (or disconnect) various letters, how your signature compares to your writing ...

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self-centredness or defensiveness.

Symbolism in handwriting means the way script forms a picture of the writer's inner being. Graphologists divide handwriting into three "zones": the middle zone — the bodies of the small letters and the upper and lower zones, formed by the extensions of letters like f, k, g, l and the capitals.

According to New York graphologist Ruth Brayer and her teacher, Felix Klein, regarded as "the father of American graphology," the three zones can correspond to the head, heart and lower body or to the Freudian superego (conscience), ego (self-image) and id (unconscious passions). The relative size and the forms of the three zones tell a graphologist whether the writer is more spiritual, intellectual, emotional, sensual or materialistic and where his inner conflicts lie: Badly formed middle-zone letters can betray poor self-image, while sharp-pointed loops in the lower zone may indicate sexual tyranny.

and each sign must be interpreted in the context of the handwriting as a whole.

So no good graphologist will tell you that you can always identify loyalty, ambition or sensuousness from the dot of an i or the loop of a g. But two broader aspects of handwriting analysis can be grasped by almost anyone: movement and symbolism.

The movement of handwriting is a clue to character much as body language is, says Carlos Pedregal. "Handwriting is like printed gestures. If someone doesn't move at all when he talks — not even his face — his writing is also going to be still and tight or without energy. If someone is like me" — he gesticulates animatedly — "his handwriting will show the same thing!" Fluid, rounded writing indicates an easygoing, flexible nature; sharp, angular writing suggests aggressiveness, criticism, or control. Your script also mimics the movement of your mind: Interrupted writing reveals intuitive leaps, while connected writing shows a logical chain of reasoning.

I'd like to know about my regular handwriting reveals about my personal

Interrupted: Intuitive leaps

The way handwriting moves within the space of the page tells a graphologist about our feelings toward ourselves and others, the past and the present. Very wide spaces between words or lines can show shyness and isolation. Writing that slants uphill (on an unlined page) says that its writer is feeling "up," a downward slope, just like slumped shoulders, shows discouragement or depression. How does your best friend end her words or sentences? If the last stroke reaches out, so does he; if it curves back toward the word, it can indicate

The most popular and time-honored use of handwriting analysis, though, is to give us new insight into ourselves — and the ones we love. That's how Carlos Pedregal likes best to use it. I owe a deeper understanding of my own life's journey to that afternoon when I showed him my writing — and caught a glimpse of myself in graphology's magic mirror.

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Fluid and rounded: an easygoing, flexible nature

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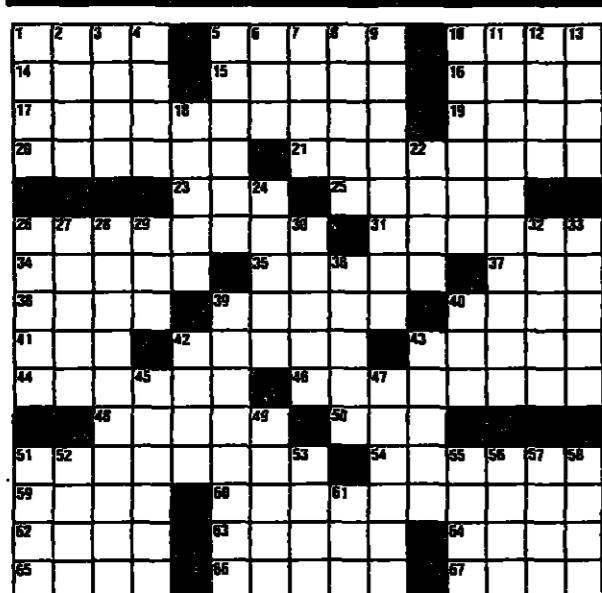
But how about an equally dramatic demonstration for the readers? I offered to show Pedregal handwriting samples of several famous people (obtained from New York autograph dealers Charles Hamilton and Cambridge Essex Stamp Co.) without telling him who they were. If he described these celebrities accurately just from their handwriting, wouldn't it be intriguing proof that we bare our souls in script?

Pedregal said that was just

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Sharp and angular: aggressiveness, criticism or control

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS
1 "Damn Yankees" role
5 Morocco's capital
10 Salamanders
14 Novello of British musicals
15 Wipe off the slate
16 Evening in Venice
17 Conductor of the New York Philharmonic
18 — the light fantastic
20 Monet's heroine
21 Whirlwinds
23 Exploding material, for short
25 1 or 66
26 Take into account
31 Persistent attempts to gain control
34 Like a calla lily
35 month
37 Talk, mod style
38 Heavyweight champ: 1934-35
39 Drinks at the fountain
40 Dog that went to Oz
41 Ailing
42 — metal (nickel alloy)
43 Morley of "60 Minutes"
44 Chief part of honey
46 City building
48 Keyboard instrument
50 Big —, Calif.
51 Complainier
54 Dined sparingly
55 Fire — (semiprecious stone)

DOWN
1 Judy's daughter
2 Egg in old Roma
3 Part of the ear
4 Seed appendage
5 Order back
6 Exist
7 Thai money
8 American trapper and capitalist
9 Hybrid floral beauties
10 Landed manor
11 Composer of "Grand Canyon Suite"
12 The Supremes, e.g.
13 Nitwits
14 Lustrous
18 Luminous mountain range
22 Night, in Caen
24 Wyoming mountain range
26 Humble abode
27 Clerical wear
28 Composer-playwright from Britain
29 Title for Glegud
30 Sublease
32 Devoured
33 Big-time

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
JUST SHORT OF GREATNESS

North-South vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH

♦ 9 7 4 2

♦ K J 10 7 2

♦ 7

♦ 5 3 2

WEST

♦ K J 10

♦ A 6 3

♦ Q 9 6

♦ 10 4 3

♦ 10 9 6

EAST

♦ A 6 3

♦ 8 3

♦ K 9 8 5 2

♦ A 3 4

SOUTH

♦ Q 8 5

♦ 5 4

♦ A Q J 6

♦ K Q 8 7

The bidding:

North East South West

Pass 1 NT Pass Pass

2 ♦ Pass 2 ♦ Dbl

Pass Pass

Opening lead: Ten of ♦

There's an old saying at tournaments: "Never let the opponents play at the one-level." By and large, that's sensible. If the auction dies merrily at the one-level, it means that the balance of strength is just about even. Going one down competitively could net you an excellent score. However, we do impose limits on what we need to do.

Reopening the bidding was taken to great lengths on this hand from the finals of the Reisinger. When Zia Mahmood and Jaggy Shivdasani of the eventual winning team, who were using a weak no trump opening bid, did not proceed beyond the first bid, North reopened with two diamonds — bid showing the major suits. Mahmood, West, was delighted to double two spades.

He was not quite as happy when he led the ten of clubs and dummy appeared, for it was obvious that every card lay right for declarer.

East won the ace of clubs and re-

turned the suit to declarer's king. Had declarer now led a trump from hand, the defenders would have had to win and lead the ace of hearts and another immediately, or else declarer would get home, losing only one heart, one club and three trumps. Perhaps declarer should have played for that, for down one doubled and vulnerable would certainly lose the board.

Instead, declarer led a heart. West won the ace and persevered with clubs. A diamond to the ace and a diamond ruff was followed by the king of hearts and a heart ruff as East sluffed a diamond. Another diamond ruff put declarer on the table for another heart lead. He needed only to score his queen of trumps for his contract. But East was alive to what was happening. He ruffed with the ace of trumps and led a trump, and the defense prevailed.

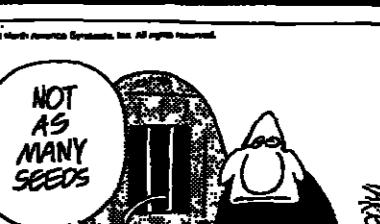
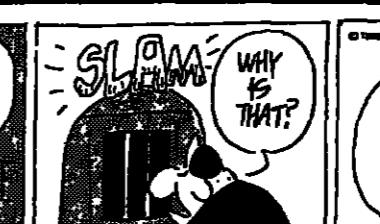
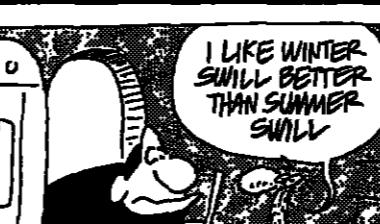
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THE WIZARD OF ID

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By Johnny Hart

YOUR STARS

Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will be in high spirits and should avoid doing anything rash. Do not close your mind to change instead welcome it. Try not to waste money. Be flexible.

Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will be better able to deal with certain uncertainties. You should not make up your mind on the spur of the moment. Do not waste time on secondary matters. Be more positive.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Do not allow others to tell you what to do but do take note of good ideas. Concentrate on what you know has to be done. Make sure you understand what is at stake. Be prompt.

Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will be able to make the right response. Avoid jumping to conclusions. Try to help a friend you know is under quite considerable strain just now. Be considerate.

Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You should take a little better care of your health. Make sure you do not eat anything that you know is not good for you. Avoid doing anything that is not strictly practical. Be attentive.

Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You should do your utmost to maintain harmony with your partner. Try to face up to the facts and do not hide from reality. Use a little more commonsense. Be truthful.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You will not feel quite as confident as you would like. However you will soon find reason to have more faith in yourself. Do not take everything quite so seriously. Be moderate.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

The planetary influences are somewhat mixed and you should exercise a little more caution. You will have something to be quite pleased about.

Capric

Brain tissue transplant brings hope for Parkinson's disease sufferers

By Sergio Carrillo

MEXICO CITY. (Reuters): Until a few months ago, Leonor Cruz Bello could barely eat without help.

Her face was stiff, her right arm paralysed. She dragged her right leg as she walked.

She has Parkinson's disease, a debilitating nervous system disorder which occurs when the brain does not produce adequate amounts of a substance called dopamine.

But in September she underwent a revolutionary operation, which attracted worldwide attention.

Dr Ignacio Madrazo and his team of surgeons performed a double brain tissue transplant in a Mexico City state hospital, using the tissue of a 13-week-old spontaneously aborted foetus.

"This is a window that has been opened for many people, like those that I met who are worse off than I was," Cruz said, as she demonstrated how she can move her right arm and walk, albeit slowly, with only a slight limp. Her facial stiffness has disappeared, and she can now eat by herself.

In the first brain tissue transplant ever reported, Madrazo operated on Cruz and another Parkinson's patient, Mario Tellez Martinez. Neither has shown any sign of rejecting the tissue.

"The operation was something that had to be done and we said, 'let's do it,'" said Cruz, a 35-year-old former secretary.

Although it is too early to



Mexican doctor Ignacio Madrazo has developed a promising treatment for Parkinson's disease.

assess the long-term effectiveness of the procedure, Madrazo's patients voiced confidence.

"I've got a lot of faith in the result," Cruz said in her home in Ciudad Nezahualcoyotl, a working class city near Mexico City.

"I only thought of moving ahead, of at least stopping the disease's advance, and that has already been won," said Cruz.

"It was my 50th birthday the day they operated on me," said Tellez, a retired textile worker.

"It was like being born again."

For nine years before the surgery, he had endured stiffness and uncontrollable shaking on his left side.

Now, he walks without difficulty, strolling the streets of his southern Mexico City neighbourhood with his grandchildren.

Only a slight shaking in his left hand remains as evidence of the disease.

"Now I'm waiting for the doctor to give me permission to start doing exercises and to run in the mornings," he added.

Their doctor shares the enthusiasm.

"This is only the opening of the door of a therapeutic process and what follows, apart from improving the technique, is to make a bank of brain tissues in order to attend to a greater number of patients," Madrazo said.

The exact cause of Parkinson's disease, named after 19th century medical researcher James Parkinson, is not known.

It is thought to affect one in 1,080 people, mainly the elderly.

The operations on Tellez and Cruz, performed as the two lay

side by side, lasted five hours. They then spent six weeks in special isolation wards to avoid infection.

Madrazo, the 45-year-old chief of neurosurgery at Mexico City's La Raza medical centre, will observe the patients for a few more months before a final evaluation of the procedure.

But he said that he considers the acceptance of the implanted brain tissue as a significant step forward.

The operation, the fruit of 22 years Madrazo spent researching Parkinson's disease, should contribute toward developing treatment of other neurological disorders, including epilepsy and senility, he said.

Madrazo was also involved in other experimental treatments for Parkinson's in which parts of the patients' own adrenal glands were implanted in their brains — and which for a time aroused the interest of ex-boxer Muhammad Ali. But in some cases, dramatic initial improvements levelled off.

With limited technical and financial resources at his disposal, Madrazo chose to attempt the most obvious, but at the same time the most daring and ingenious procedure.

He said other researchers had ignored trying the brain tissue transplant on humans, despite encouraging results in animals.

"We did what the developing countries forgot to do," he said, adding with a laugh, "in some ways poverty helped us have more ingenuity than technology."



Facing up to back pain

By Liz Gill

BACKACHE is the price we pay for being human. Man is not the only creature to walk on two legs, but from toddlerhood onward, his spine must carry its burden upright for the rest of

And the price can be high. Various estimates have put working days lost because of back trouble at anything between 19 million and 31 million a year. Mrs Nora King, an information officer for the Back Pain Association, in the UK, says: "It has been calculated that if you add everything up — lost production, sick pay, treatment and so on — the total could be as high as a billion pounds."

About 2.2 million people a year see a doctor about a back problem. Yet although it is a common complaint, many sufferers feel extremely isolated.

"They may feel they're not being taken seriously because it's not an illness that shows," King says. "But it can affect one's life so drastically, especially if one is in constant pain. Life is very restricted and people get very depressed and can become obsessive."

Chronic back pain may cause emotional problems, but despite the frequency of the trouble its causes are still baffling.

Michael Sullivan, consultant surgeon at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, who runs a problem back clinic, believes that 70 per cent of the working population will suffer from back pain at some time. He also believes that only about 15 per cent of cases lend themselves to a clear-cut diagnosis.

"I mean in the strict scientific sense of being able to say 'You have X, and if we do Y and Z you will get better.' In many cases you can go to 10 different doctors and get 10 different diagnosis."

Wear and tear

The majority of back problems are mechanical wear and tear, small fractures, overstretched muscles, and prolapsed discs (slipped is a misnomer). These may be caused by sporting injuries, ageing, accidents, awkward lifting and carrying, and other strenuous and unusual movement.

Inflammation may set in as the legacy of such an injury, or independently, or as part of another illness such as infection or general joint weakness.

Surgery is only rarely indicated, perhaps for one in 2,500 cases, and then only for very specific conditions such as certain fractures, removal of the disc, or enlargement of a narrowed spinal canal.

"Surgery in other cases would be a sledgehammer to crack a nut," Sullivan says.

"The good news is that most people will get better anyway in six weeks. Time is what makes people better. In the meantime, rest and pain relief."

It is when time does not prove the greater healer that sufferers are frequently drawn to complementary medicine. Because so much is still unknown about backache, seeking help in physiotherapy, osteopathy, chiropractic, the Alexander Technique, homeopathy, acupuncture, even faith healing, seems a reasonable alternative.

Professor Malcolm Jayson, head of the Rheumatic Diseases Centre at Manchester's Hope Hospital uses acupuncture to relieve pain. "It doesn't cure the problem, but it does seem to block the pain response."

Where, pain seems intractable, he will work with a clinical psychologist to teach the patient how best to cope.

Genuine sufferers have always been bedevilled by the fact that a "bad back" is the classic malingerer's complaint.

"If you tell me you have a bad back I can't tell you a lie," Sullivan says. "You can X-ray someone and find they have a horrendous back, but they feel fine. Conversely, someone can appear to have a normal spine and be in dreadful pain."

He believes shamming is extremely rare. "But you do have the massive problem of people becoming totally fixated on their pain pattern. They get locked into it. Look at Florence Nightingale, who came back from the Crimea and retired to bed with a bad back virtually for the rest of her days."

Obvious
He sees about 2,500 patients a year, more women than men. "Men seem to have more backache but it doesn't last. Whereas women seem to have more chronic problems, but we don't know why this should be so."

Where no obvious cause can be found, some argue that muscular tension may be the cause. Teachers of the Alexander Technique, for instance, believe that we begin to misuse our bodies in terms of balance, posture, and movement at such an early age that bad habits become so deeply ingrained that we are not even aware of them. Based on principles evolved in the last century by a Tasmanian actor, Frederick Alexander, the technique is used to demonstrate ways of "unlearning" such faults.

But Mrs Margaret Farrar, chair person of the Teachers Society, says: "We don't claim to be skilled in diagnosis. We always ask people if they've been checked by a doctor. We see ourselves as educators rather than therapists. We try to give a person an idea of what something could be like. We

Gene loss linked to cancer

By Malcolm Ritter

NEW YORK. (AP): Lung cancer tumors lack some normal genetic material, indicating that loss of a key gene may promote one form of the prevalent cancer killer, a new study says.

If the gene can be isolated, it might lead to new therapies for "small-cell" lung cancer, which strikes 30,000 to 40,000 people in the United States annually, said researcher John Minna.

The gene may also play a role in other types of lung cancer, and in cancers of the skin and kidney, said Minna, chief of the NCI's navy medical oncology branch of the National Cancer Institute, and professor of medicine at the uniformed services University of the health sciences in Bethesda, Maryland.

Small-cell lung cancer accounts for 20 percent to 25 percent of the nation's 150,000 annual lung cancer cases and about a quarter of its 136,000 lung cancer deaths each year, the Cancer Institute says.

The study provides "much stronger evidence" for the gene's existence than previous research did, said Stephen Friend, visiting scientist at the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

In contrast to cancer-causing oncogenes, the gene seems to suppress cancer somehow, so that malignancy appears when it is damaged or missing.

Evidence for similar "anti-oncogenes," also called suppressor genes, has been found in several cancers. The list includes colon-rectum cancer, America's second most common serious malignancy.

In a recent interview, Minna said he believes the lung cancer gene normally controls cell growth and development. So when the gene is missing, cells continue to reproduce without normal regulation, setting them up for further genetic damage, that finally produces the cancer, he postulated.

A normal cell gets two copies of genes by inheriting 23 pairs of chemical threads called chromosomes, on which genes reside. Both copies of a suppressor gene must be lost or damaged to open the road to cancer, scientists believe.

Minna said if a lung cell carries one damaged copy of the gene, it may begin to turn cancerous after losing its normal copy through deletion of genetic material like that observed in the new study.

The original genetic damage and the deletion might be triggered by smoking, which is associated with more than 95 percent of small-cell cases Minna said.

It is conceivable, but only speculative, that a damaged gene could also be inherited from parents, Minna said. If so, scientists may be able to devise a test to find it and so identify people susceptible to small-cell lung cancer, he said.

However, Robert Weinberg of the Whitehead Institute emphasised there is "not a shred of evidence" that the defective gene is ever inherited from parents.

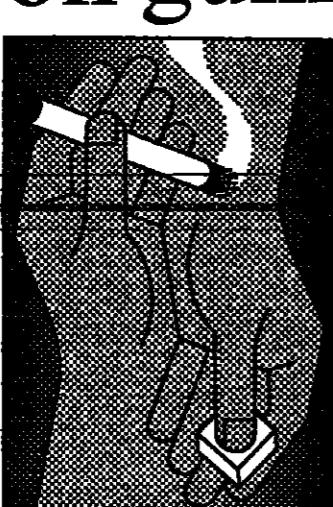
"On the basis of the evidence Minna has, there's every reason to say the gene that is involved becomes damaged somatically," which means within the cancer victim's own body, Weinberg said.

The new work involved comparing cancerous and normal cells from nine victims of small-cell lung cancer.

Scientists checked both kinds of cells for the presence of three types of genetic signs located in one area of chromosome 3. If a signpost found in a person's normal tissue was missing in his cancerous tissue, part of the chromosome must have been lost.

Every patient showed loss of one or more signposts, the researchers reported.

Stuck on gum



The group's chief recommendation is that extra-strong gum should be available on prescription to really heavy smokers. This is already the case in Britain, while the makers of Nicorette, the only nicotine gum on sale in the United States, plan to apply to the US Food and Drug Administration for approval to market 4mg gum later in the year.

The drawback seems to be

Parents: monitor children for cholesterol

CHILDREN should have their blood cholesterol levels monitored if they have a close relative who suffers from coronary heart disease, Iowa scientists say.

But healthy children from families with no history of heart disease probably do not need to be screened, they said.

High cholesterol levels are associated with hardening of the arteries and other heart diseases, doctors say, and can be controlled to some extent with drugs.

Scientists from the University of Iowa hospitals and clinics based their recommendation on the findings of a group of three medical researchers at the Johns Hopkins University Medical School and the Addiction Research Centre at Baltimore, Maryland. Writing in *The Lancet* of January 2, they describe their work with a man who had given up a 60-a-day habit of 21 years only to become addicted to nicotine gum. They prepared special packs of gum in which some sticks contained nicotine as usual while others were placebo. By increasing the proportion of placebo gum sticks with the passing weeks, the man is said to have been weaned from his dependence.

The Danish researchers are at pains to emphasise that the use of nicotine gum is not a substitute for proper counselling.

Meanwhile, there may be hope for gum addicts in the findings of a group of three medical researchers at the Johns Hopkins University Medical School and the Addiction Research Centre at Baltimore, Maryland. Writing in *The Lancet* of January 2, they describe their work with a man who had given up a 60-a-day habit of 21 years only to become addicted to nicotine gum. They prepared special packs of gum in which some sticks contained nicotine as usual while others were placebo. By increasing the proportion of placebo gum sticks with the passing weeks, the man is said to have been weaned from his dependence.

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The majority of the subjects who had high levels of cholesterol in childhood, 60 per cent, did not have high levels in adulthood.

Lauer said of the 173 children of fathers with coronary heart disease, 51 per cent had high cholesterol levels and other signs of pending coronary problems when they reached adulthood.

Dr Ronald M. Lauer, who headed the study, said in a report to the American Heart Association that only 4 per cent of the subjects had high levels of cholesterol as children that persisted into adulthood.

Some researchers say HBO is the most effective treatment that can be given to "early MS." If given early, it can arrest MS in 70 per cent of patients. The only known side effect from HBO is minor ear problems from the pressure.

ACROSS MY DESK: It's always nice to know where you telephoners go so let me tell you of a recent announcement by Jerry Lewis, national chairman of the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). Recent discoveries by MDA researchers indicated that the drug prednisone could be effective in increasing patients' strength and ability to walk in sufferers of Duchenne muscular dystrophy, the most severe form of the disease. Though absolutely not recommended for treatment at this time, prednisone will be used in a large-scale, controlled study to confirm the positive aspect of this therapy and to find a way to reduce its significant side effects. Such experimental leads may provide new, more effective and safer treatments in the future.

MS is called the crippler of young adults because it is the most common central nervous disorder among such people in the

ANDY CAPP



FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: My wife had the baby, but it's me who's depressed. Do fathers always feel this way?

ANSWER: Although it's not unusual for a father to experience depression after the birth of a child in response to a changing lifestyle, this type of negative reaction is not the norm.

Certainly we all have heard stories about "baby blues," marked by wild mood swings and crying jags. But research has shown that while new parents both have ups and downs, their moods are usually more positive than negative.

For instance, recent studies asked couples to chart their feelings at three different time periods: during the last three months of pregnancy, within two days after the birth of their child and six months later. Instead of listing terms typically associated with depression such as "depressed," "discouraged" and "sad," they listed coping terms such as "helpless," "nervous" and "worried," or positive emotions like "happy" and "enthusiastic." If your depression persists, it might be a sign of some unspoken concern such as worry over money or the health of your child. Talking

out your feelings with your wife or the family doctor should offer some relief.

QUESTION: Can multiple sclerosis be effectively treated with high-pressure oxygen?

ANSWER: It appears, from recent research, that patients who recently have developed multiple sclerosis (MS) benefit from hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBO), or what you call high-pressure oxygen.

HBO, which is scarce and expensive in this country, is known primarily for its use with deep-sea divers to prevent the bends. Only about 150 HBO chambers are used medically here. The number probably will grow rapidly.

During HBO treatment, patients are in an HBO chamber where their bodies are subjected to 100 per cent oxygen atmosphere at two to three times normal atmospheric pressure. Oxygen concentrations in their bloodstream increase about 10-15 times normal and apparently help keep tissues alive that have been deprived of their normal blood supply.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Experts to discuss ways to promote Kuwait investments in France

PARIS, Feb 28. (Kuna): A group of leaders in France's largest economic institutions are scheduled to attend a seminar next month in Kuwait on ways to promote Kuwaiti investments in France.

The seminar, titled "Kuwaiti investments in France: facilities and prospects" is organised by the "Franco-Arab countries" group and the Paris-based Kuwaiti-French Bank.

Secretary General of the Kuwaiti-French Bank Mariano Rampelberg told the Kuwait News Agency today that the idea of the seminar developed during the joint commission meetings which were headed by French Minister of State for Economic and Financial Affairs Edouard Balladur and his Kuwaiti counterpart Jassem Al Khorafi recently in Kuwait.

She said that chairmen and general directors of about 20 grand companies will attend the seminar which is scheduled for March 8.

Construction

Rampelberg added that these companies represent the construction, tourism, banking, insurance and transport sectors of the French economy.

The participants will go there to meet potential and existing Kuwaiti investors since France is receiving competition from the British and Spanish markets in the domain of Kuwaiti investments, she said.

So far, Kuwaiti investments in France have been limited compared to operations to other European countries, but the Kuwaiti-French Bank which was established in 1981, came to offer investment portfolios to Kuwaiti investors in France.

Eighty per cent of the bank's capital was made up by a consortium of Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait, Kuwait Real Estate bank, the Commercial bank of Kuwait and the Kuwaiti offshore group, Pearl Holdings. The rest of the capital came from the "Credit Commercial et Industriel" Bank of Paris.

Preparations underway for 4th Arab energy meeting

BAGHDAD, Feb 28. (Opecna): Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Raheem Al Chalabi met Dr Abdul Aziz Al Wattari, acting secretary general of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec), last week to review final preparations for the fourth Arab energy conference opening here on March 14.

Al Wattari, who was on a visit here, delivered a lecture at the 11th course in basic petroleum and gas industry which began early last week.

Development

At the last meeting of the follow-up committee, Al Wattari declared that integrated and balanced pan-Arab development could only be achieved if optimum and economic use was made of energy sources and proper attention was paid to energy rationing and diversification of the sources of energy.

He explained that the conference would discuss all aspects of energy, including resources, supply and demand. A comprehensive review was also made of the oil industry and the latest exploration and production technologies.

In Europe, widely traded Brent field crude from the North

Plan to set up common Gulf market

Kuwait stock market stable: Khorafi

KUWAIT'S Finance Minister Jassem Al Khorafi yesterday expressed optimism over the current situation of Kuwaiti economy but attacked joint Arab economic organisations and attributed the stagnant world economic situation to the policy of the United States.

In an interview with a local daily, the Kuwaiti minister rejected any present deadlock in the Kuwaiti market, stressing that the local real estate market has been revived and the stock market is stable while economic associations are developing.

Al Khorafi noted, however, that current situations in the region are complicated and strongly associated with the economic situation here. "In another country", he added.

Commenting on the current economic situation in Asia, he

said: "situation could have been worse. Stock exchange market would have been closed down but we in Kuwait continued."

Drop

Kuwaiti economic establishments suffered a drop in their assets, disturbance in their structures and anomalies in their departments but all that have been cured, Al Khorafi affirmed.

Meanwhile, he expressed hope for the establishment of a common Gulf market through the Gulf Cooperation Council economic agreement.

Concerning Kuwaiti investments in the United States, Britain, Japan and Asia, he said that "they stand on a good foundation."

Commenting on the current economic situation in Asia, he



Al Khorafi

said that it is a result of the American economic situation which suffers from a trade deficit, particularly with Japan which is keen to survive in Asia in order to use its markets to get through indirectly to US markets.

He also talked of the world economic problem saying it is very much connected with US policy. The US will go through the election year shortly and this will delay any clear-cut resolutions on the issue adding that industrial countries will start to feel the negative outcome of the present US situation and will treat this matter by finding realistic solutions.

Workers

In the meantime, Al Khorafi expressed dissatisfaction over the present situation of joint Arab economic organisations, pointing out, "we expanded these organisations without sufficient study and this is due to the past economic boom."

He indicated that the work in

some organisations contradicted with that in the other, in addition that some organisations were exploited by their workers who benefited from some privileges like customs exemptions and free exchange of hard currency.

But the Kuwaiti official hoped that such corruption would be examined thoroughly in meetings of the Arab League economic council and the eight-man committee.

The eight-man committee was formed more than two years ago to follow this issue. It includes in its membership Arab experts who are not officials in such organisations.

Al Khorafi hopes that the committee would reach suitable decisions during its extraordinary meeting next July.

Sharp rise in shipments of manufactured goods

World trade to grow again by 4pc, says GATT

GENEVA, Feb 28. (Reuters): International trade, led by a sharp rise in shipments of manufactured goods, grew by four per cent last year and seemed set to match that rate again in 1988, the world trade body GATT reported today.

The forecast was made "bearing a further upheaval in financial markets or a serious recession in the United States," the annual report by economists of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) said.

The 1987 growth rate of four per cent marked a slight improvement on the 3.5 per cent in the previous year, and was the second strongest annual increase this decade.

Confidence

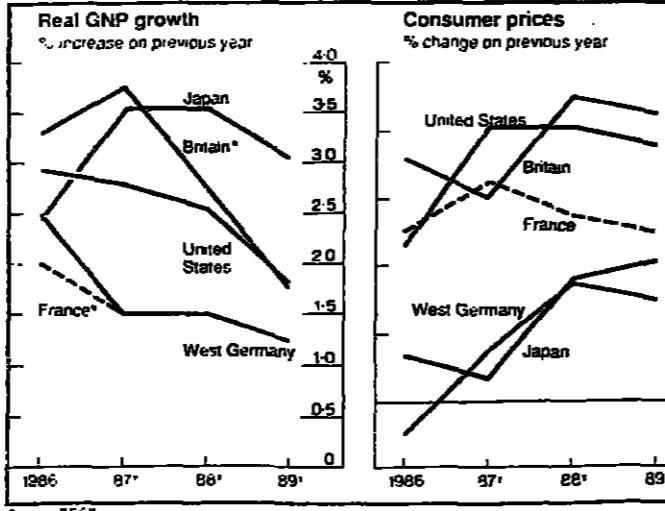
Damage to consumer and investor confidence after the stock market crisis of last October appeared less severe than originally forecast, the report said.

"Developments in world stock markets since October do not seem to have had any immediate adverse effect on world trade," Richard Blackhurst, GATT chief economist, told Reuters.

Expansion

Rather, available data suggested that the jump in merchandise trade in the fourth quarter of 1987 exceeded the average rise for the first three quarters.

The value of merchandise exports last year leapt by 15.5 per cent to a record \$2,450 billion.



This reflected trade expansion, as well as an increase in the value of the US currency and higher dollar prices for petroleum and other primary commodities, the report said.

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The increase in the volume of world commerce in 1987 was led by a five per cent increase in trade in manufactures, against 3.5 per cent for the previous years.

Exports of agricultural products rose by an estimated four per cent in volume — after a one per cent decline in 1986 — for the strongest gain on a volume basis since 1981.

Decline

"These two developments more than offset a marginal decline in trade in mining products in 1987," the report said. A drop in petroleum trade, due to a sharp recovery in prices, largely accounted for the decline in overall trade in mining products.

Global agricultural production declined by an estimated three per cent — for the first time since 1950. This was partly due to lower market prices, lower sup-

port prices and supply control measures for cereal and dairy products in some nations.

Japan and China increased their agricultural imports substantially, the GATT economists said, but gave no figures.

US import of manufactured goods slowed in 1987, the report added, but again gave no figure. The growth rate in merchandise trade increased by a modest 2.5 per cent against a whopping 11 per cent the previous year.

Imports

US exports rose by 11.5 per cent in volume.

West German imports of merchandise expanded by 5.5 per cent, against 6.5 the previous year, while exports rose by three

per cent against 1.5 per cent in 1986.

Import volumes expanded rapidly in Portugal and Spain, new members of the 12-member European Economic Community.

Preliminary data indicated significant declines in import volumes in Norway, Denmark and Australia.

Japan had a moderate 1.5 per cent drop in export volume, and a seven per cent growth of imports, the report said.

The volume of exports and imports of four other Asian nations — Hong Kong, South Korea, Singapore and Taiwan — as a group each increased by more than 20 per cent.

Indonesia gets \$110m in Ifad assistance

JAKARTA, Feb 28. (Opecna): During the past eight years Indonesia received about \$110 million in financial assistance from the Rome-based International Fund for Agricultural Development (Ifad), according to figures released by the United Nations Information Office here.

The Ifad assistance was used to fund cattle raising programme for small farmers in various parts of the Sumatra island.

The UN office said that the increase in milk production, one of the goals of the programme, increased the farmer's income and promoted the health situation in rural areas.

Financed by Opec countries in cooperation with OECD nations, Ifad has extended about \$10 billion in financial assistance to help raise the living standards of poor farmers.

Oil prices likely to fall further

NEW YORK, Feb 28. (Reuters): Crude oil prices, which fell by around a dollar a barrel last week, could slide another 50 cents in the coming week due to abundant world supplies, analysts say.

The US benchmark grade of crude oil, West Texas Intermediate, closed at a 1988 low on Friday at \$15.78 a barrel for April contracts traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX). Over the past week, the April contract lost 92 cents a barrel.

"There won't be a wholesale crash in prices as in 1986. We won't see \$1.2 a barrel oil," Marchica said. In mid-1986, crude prices touched \$4 a barrel on a glutted market.

But analysts said that when prices could not decisively move back above the \$16 mark, technical, chart-related factors

pulled the market down further. "This week's bearish tendency is linked to rumours of Opec overproduction and the report of large consumer stocks," said Stephen Platt, futures analyst with Dean Witter Reynolds Inc.

Last Wednesday, the US Energy Information Administration reported US crude oil stocks rose 8.5 million barrels, which came as a surprise to the market after the American Petroleum Institute reported a 1.9 million barrel fall for the same week.

Reason

Traders said the EIA's figures were alarming because much of the inventory growth was in the US Gulf of Mexico coast where the US refining industry is centred.

"The EIA figures were as good a reason as any for this week's

softer prices," said Marchica. "But there's been a lot of restlessness and frustration down on the (NYMEX) floor by locals to see prices break in some direction after they hovered near \$17 for so long."

"Locals" are independent oil traders who buy and sell for their own accounts, often buying contracts in the morning and selling them in the afternoon. Adding to the selling pressure were reports and rumours of increased Opec production.

Japanese oil industry sources said Opec production might turn out to have been 18 million barrels per day in February, and the London-based securities firm of Kleinwort Criesen Securities estimated that early February Opec output was about 17.7 million bpd, up from 17.2 million bpd in January.

Indian corporate investment may now slow down

Overall increase in GNP unlikely to exceed modest 1.5pc

NEW DELHI, Feb 28: It will be a tightrope walk for Finance Minister Narayan Datt Tiwari when he presents the Indian budget for 1988-89 to Parliament tomorrow.

The economy and government finances have come under a lot of stress over the last year. Drought, which hits the economy with increasing severity every seven to eight years now, has led to a sharp decline in agricultural production.

The growth in industrial production appears to be slowing down and the overall increase in GNP is unlikely to exceed a modest 1.5 per cent. At the same time, inflation appears to be climbing to double digit heights, according to Business India.

This slowdown in economic growth will in turn hit government revenues in a year when expenditure has been rising on several fronts.

Apart from the usual burgeoning expenses on subsidies, interest and defence, the last year has also witnessed a sharp rise in drought relief expenditures, the

heavy cost of the Indian Army's increasing involvement in Sri Lanka and a jump in the salaries of government employees following the Fourth Pay Commission's award.

So even though Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi categorically stated last year that "the deficit is high and I do not like it," it seems virtually impossible that his promise of curbing it at Rs 5,688 crores for 1987-88 can be kept.

The deteriorating state of government finances, as indicated by mounting budgetary deficits and market borrowings, may soon reach crisis proportions.

Policy
In recent years, the government has been unable to meet even its current (non-capital) expenditure and improving the surplus generation of the public sector enterprises through higher efficiency.

On the taxation front, there is little scope to increase or widen indirect taxes. In fact, if the high cost, low quality economy is to be replaced by one that is more efficient and competitive, indirect taxes, particularly customs duties, will have to be gradually reduced and rationalised over a period of time.

As Datta Chaudhury puts it: "Indirect taxation is already too

high. Today it must be used primarily for providing incentives and disincentives to guide production and investment along desirable lines and not for additional resource mobilisation."

Scope

As far as direct taxes are concerned, there may be some scope for widening the tax base to include at least a part of rural incomes as well as urban incomes that manage to escape the tax net.

"There is a lot of taxable income generated by traders, shopkeepers and small business establishments, but the government has not yet concentrated seriously on taxing it," says H.P. Nanda, chairman, Escorts Ltd.

"Instead, it has been too preoccupied with taxing organised business. However, such an effort is based with methodological problems, administrative difficulties and, of course, a lack of political will."

While the scope for raising more revenues is severely limited, there is also little manoeuvrability in curbing expenditure.

Even though the growth rate of industrial production may have slowed down, a 7 to 8 per cent

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World Business Summary

US oil companies plan to invest more in 1988

NEW YORK, February 28. (Xinhua): US oil companies which have slashed expenditures over the last six years, plan to boost their budget in 1988 to capitalise on the promising oil boom ahead, the Oil and Gas Journal said in its latest issue.

The oil companies plan to increase their combined annual spending by 12 per cent over 1987, to a total of \$29.721 billion, the journal said. The increase reverses the recurring spending slump since 1981, when the oil industry pumped only \$28.943 billion into exploration, production and refining facilities.

Out of the increased budget for 1988, about \$18 billion will go to exploration and production, and the rest to refining and marketing, the journal said. The major reason behind the capital spending hike is that the outlook for crude oil prices in the coming years is brighter. Most US energy specialists predict a strong recovery for petroleum consumption and prices in the 1990s. Oil prices on the international market have plunged by almost 50 per cent over the last few years. Currently, the crude oil price is hovering between \$16 and 17 per barrel.

The journal also said a portion of the increased outlay will be diverted to foreign countries which offer lower production costs and richer undeveloped reserves. In 1988, 35 major US oil companies are expected to increase their spending overseas by 17 per cent. The amount devoted to drilling and production alone will reach \$7.6 billion.

Ford earns record profits

UK GDP growth quickens

Weaker dollar will help avert US recession fear

There were a number of data releases this week, the most important of which was the fourth quarter real US GNP growth figure which was revised up to 4.5 per cent which was lower than expected and caused the dollar to weaken slightly from the DM1.70 and Y129.50 peak it had touched prior to the announcement, according to National Bank of Kuwait's weekly market report.

On addition the US unit hardly reacted to the Humphrey-Hawkins testimony before congressional committee by Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. His speech was as expected and confirmed that he was happy with the dollar's present level, that the US had turned the corner on trade and that the money supply targets would be set at 4.8 per cent. The fall of 2.8 per cent in January's durable goods orders did not move the US unit either.

Treasury Budget was in surplus by \$16.09 billion in January (the fourth month of the 1988 fiscal year), compared to a revised deficit of \$2.12 billion in January 1987. The market had only anticipated \$10.8 billion surplus. The December 1987 deficit was also revised to \$24.22 billion. January's surplus brings the government's total deficit this fiscal year to \$65.81 billion, from \$66.29 billion in the same four months of the 1987 fiscal year. The expected total 1988 deficit is currently estimated to be \$146.7 billion.

Durable Orders fell by 2.8 per cent in January to a seasonally-adjusted figure of \$112.23 billion. This was the first monthly drop since November when orders slipped by 0.1 per cent and the largest decline since January 1987 when they fell 8 per cent. The market had been expecting a slightly bigger drop of 2.9 per cent.

Revised Real GNP increased 4.5 per cent in the fourth quarter although this was the largest rise since a 5.4 per cent increase in the first quarter of 1986 and greater than the 4.2 per cent increase estimated a month ago, it was lower than the market expectation of 5.3 per cent.

Increase

CPI as expected rose a seasonally-adjusted 0.3 per cent in January following a 0.2 per cent increase in December. Increases in shelter costs, medical care and entertainment were the main reasons for this rise.

Personal Income rose 0.3 per cent, i.e. \$12.2 billion, in January to a seasonally-adjusted annual rate of \$387.8 billion. This increase followed a 0.7 per cent rise and a revised 0.4 per cent in November. This rise was slightly below the market forecast of 0.4 per cent.

Personal Consumption Spending rose 0.3 per cent in January following a revised 0.7 per cent increase in December and 0.5 per cent gain in November. This was again lower than the expected 0.5 per cent forecast.

There are still no clear signals of the general drift in the economy despite the release of a number of economic indicators this week. The dollar weakened slightly following news of the revised upward estimate for fourth quarter economic growth but general trading was very quiet.

However, the leading indicators released on Tuesday of next week should give a stronger sign of the general trend although the advantage of the

weaker dollar is that it will help to avert fears of a US recession.

Alan Greenspan's comments this week increased speculation that US inflation will remain subdued and helped spark a bond market rally.

Forecast

He confirmed that the US central bank eased its monetary policy a few weeks ago to reduce short-term interest rates. The Fed is forecasting that growth in real gross national product this year will be in the range of 2.2-2.5 per cent.

Sterling was unaffected by the news that UK GDP output increased by 1 per cent because it was within the forecast range, although there were suggestions that the growth rate is likely to continue at quite a strong rate following the data release.

The CBI monthly survey was optimistic indicating continued growth and strong exports which, together with the weakness of the dollar, helped sterling gain support.

During the week the UK unit hovered just below DM3.00 and continued to benefit from favourable interest rate differentials whilst most attention was focussed on the sterling and the market awaited the release of today's UK trade figures.

GDP (output) rose by a provisional 1 per cent in the fourth quarter of 1987 over the third quarter to give a year-on-year growth of 5.26 per cent between the last quarter of 1986 and 1987.

This compares with a gain of 2.1 per cent in the third quarter over the second and was higher than the market forecast of 0.5 per cent.

Output data is usually considered the most reliable measure of short-term GDP changes.

With so little economic data released this week the UK market is now keenly awaiting

today's trade balance and current account figures.

A minor improvement is expected which should ensure a base rate hike is highly unlikely short-term, particularly in view of the close proximity of the UK budget on March 15.

Signs of a slowing trend in the economic growth pattern were supported by figures showing construction orders fell by 30 per cent during the last three months of last year compared with the previous three months, although orders for the year as a whole increased by 20 per cent.

In addition, the longer-term economic indicator which looks a year ahead suggests the rate of growth moderate around the middle of the year.

Buoyant

However, UK output rose by nearly 5 per cent last year which was the fastest growth rate since 1973, and although the pace of growth decelerated in the last few months, the overall indication is that the economy has remained buoyant in spite of the October crash. Unfortunately, this did not help dispel nervousness about overheating although the pound's strength against the DM kept fears at bay of higher bank rates in the near future.

This week a fall in January's producer prices seemed to provide the DM with some support. In addition, the Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg, said again that there was no more room for movement of the fiscal side in order to stimulate the domestic economy.

Surplus

He believes that private consumption will continue to increase as will real income levels.

West Germany's total trade surplus widened to a record DM117.57 bn in 1987 from

DM112.7 billion mainly due to an improvement in the terms of trade. Exports rose 2.9 per cent and imports increased 5.4 per cent in volume terms.

However, its trade surplus with the US declined by 15 per cent in 1987 which indicates that the trade imbalance between the two countries is being corrected due to the lower dollar. Although the lower import figure was caused by the US unit's steep decline, West Germany imports of US goods were actually higher in volume terms.

In contrast, West Germany's trade surplus with the European Economic Community rose sharply by 20 per cent to DM62 billion. The EEC countries take just over 50 per cent of West German exports compared to the 10 per cent to the US.

Economic news from Japan this week continues to highlight the success of Japan's efforts to boost its domestic economy, whilst restraining the growth of its exports in order to bring it more in line with its trading partners.

Retail sales rose 7.1 per cent in January following a 6.1 per cent rise in December from a year earlier. In addition, Japan's leading economic indicator, which moves in advance of general business conditions, stood at 72.7 in December. The critical "boom or bust" 50 mark has now been exceeded for 12 consecutive months since January 1987 and stood at 75.0 in November.

However, Japan's money supply growth rate accelerated in January by 11.9 per cent, (10.4 per cent faster than December), which is liable to give rise to renewed concern about inflation because December's downward trend has been reversed.

The Bank of Japan has recently been adopting a passive monetary stance in order to prevent any further rise of the yen.

Dollar seen drifting down

Tokyo shares in sight of record

LONDON, Feb 28. (Reuter): Japanese share values were poised this week to test a 27-year-old record for consecutive daily rises, making the other major markets in London and New York seem indecisive by comparison since last October's crash.

Financial analysts, meanwhile, saw the dollar edging lower over the next couple of weeks in the absence of any major economic statistics until US trade figures for January come out on March 17. Gold and oil prices also tumbled last week.

Currency dealers expected a gradual dollar drift with foreign exchanges featureless and trading in tight ranges.

The dollar ended in New York on Friday at 1.6895 West German marks and 128.35 Japanese yen after finishing in London earlier at 1.6890 marks and 128.20 yen, slightly down on the week.

"We are not going to get different levels in a rush," said one London dealer on Friday.

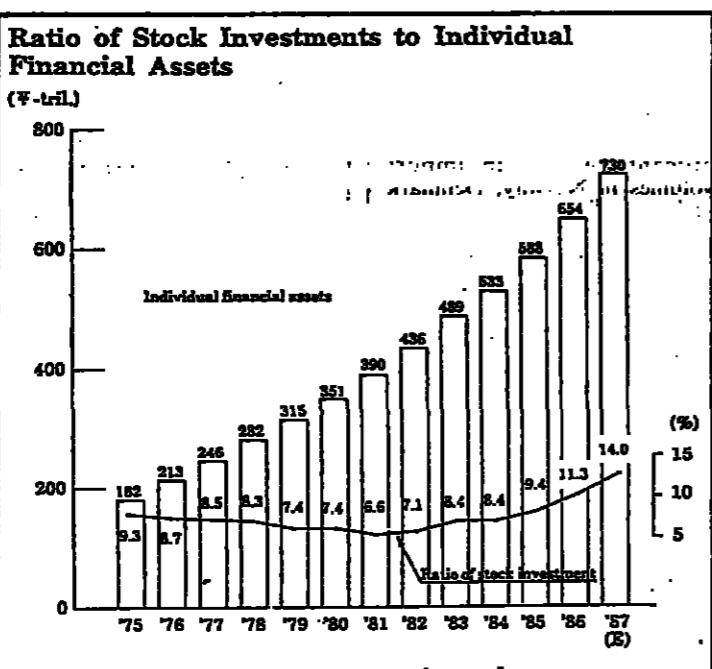
Dealer

"This is such an inconsequential market, you can't read much of anything into it," said a New York dealer. "It's a quiet Friday and we're hovering around key levels."

Half-day share trading in Tokyo on Saturday took the Nikkei Average up another 119.69 points to 25,284.87 — its 13th consecutive rise and to within 5.1 per cent of its record high of 26,646.43 set last October 14 just before the global crash.

The market's record of 14 straight daily gains was set from December 21, 1980, to January 11, 1981, when the Nikkei put on 8.94 per cent.

Its 13-day rise so far in February has been 6.8 per cent, helped by what dealers called recent dollar stability, good



Note: Stock is based on market value.

domestic economic growth and promising company profits.

London and New York, however, have failed to win back nearly as much of the ground that they lost when the October 19 crash on Wall Street put the skids under world share values.

Record

Despite new figures indicating Britain's economy is booming, London's FTSE index of 100 leading shares faltered on Friday to close 10.2 points down at 1,766.5 after gaining 52.6 points in the previous four trading days.

That left it 27.7 per cent off its all-time high of 2,443.4 set last July 16 and just over 200 points up on its post-crash low of 1,565.2 on November 9.

In New York, the Dow Jones industrial average is above 2,000 for the fourth spell since the

LONDON, Feb 28. (Reuter): The London Metal Exchange (LME) yesterday limited the amount traders may charge each other to borrow nickel as an extremely tight market in the metal set prices soaring.

LME Chairman Christopher Green said "traders could not charge more than \$100 a tonne to lend nickel, after charges up to \$240 a tonne reported earlier in the week.

In times of shortage traders cash in, making arrangements amongst themselves to cover operators who are short. In 1985, just before a crisis halted LME trading in tin, the exchange set a limit how much could be charged to lend tin for one day.

Earlier on Friday, the LME board met to consider whether there might be an attempt to corner the market, but decided that a genuine shortage had caused the price rise of recent days.

Later, the LME suspended the first afternoon trading session or "ring" as brokers offered to pay as much as \$15,000 a tonne but no one wanted to sell.

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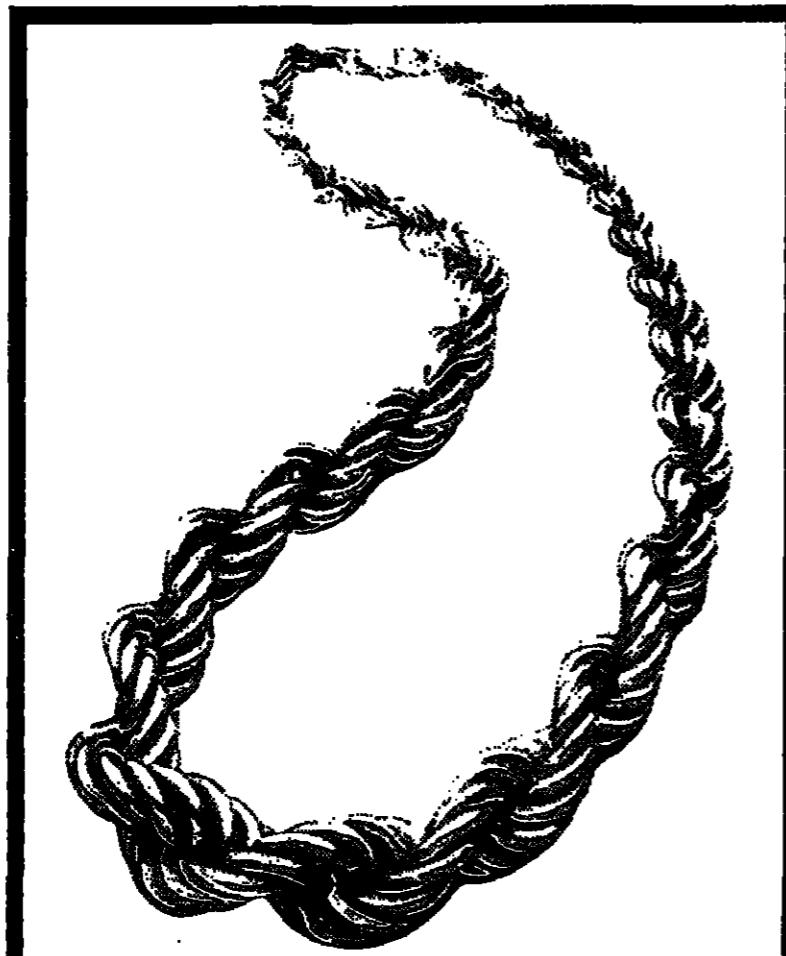
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Winter Games close with a burst of glitz and colour

CALGARY, Alberta, Feb 28. (AP): The Winter Olympics, which opened with a folksy salute to Canadian traditions, closes today with a high-tech burst of glitz and colour on an outdoor skating rink.

Springlike temperatures of recent days threatened to fizzle the finale, but the weather promised to oblige.

The show will be illuminated from a computer-controlled lighting system made up of thousands of powerful bulbs mounted on four towers seven stories tall.

"This is it. This is the biggest show in the world. How many other shows play to 2.5 billion people?" said Marc Raymond, handling the lighting of the show at McMahon Stadium. "It's going to be a burst of colour."

Just as they did with the opening ceremony, organisers are keeping details of the closing a secret.

What is known is that it involves hundreds of skaters, including US Olympic gold medalists Dorothy Hamill and Scott Hamilton and Canada's Toller Cranston, a bronze medalist in 1976.

There also will be fireworks, a flag exchange between the mayor of Calgary and mayor of Albertville, France — site of 1992 Winter Games. The Olympic flame which burned for 16 days also will be extinguished.

The ice inside McMahon stadium had to be protected from several days of 10-degree C (60-degree F) weather by a layer of plastic foam.

The skaters weren't worried about the condition of the ice, but the possibility that winds would hamper their jumps and spins, said Leanne Pockar, an assistant working on the programme.

"Windy conditions are very hard to deal with for skaters in a choreographed programme. With the costumes the skaters are wearing, a strong wind would make it very difficult for them to get into position quick enough," she said. "We can handle anything but the wind."

Forecasts called for temperatures around freezing (32 degrees F) and for moderate winds of about 16 kph (10 mph).

Hoppe breaks course record in bobsled

CALGARY, Alberta, Feb 28. (AP): Defending gold medalist Wolfgang Hoppe of East Germany broke the course record by more than a second yesterday to take the lead in the four-man Olympic bobsled competition at the midway point.

The final two heats will be held today, with the combined times of the four heats determining the winner.

Hoppe, 30, winner of the two-man and four-man golds at Sarajevo in 1984, took advantage of a good draw that had him going off third among the 26 sleds in the first heat, covering the 1,475-metre (4,838-foot) course in 56.16 second to beat the course record of 57.25 set by Canadian driver Chris Lori last month.

Sixteen sleds were below the record on the first run, which began two hours early at 8 a.m. local time, as organisers tried to avoid the mild-weather problems that delayed last weekend's two-man event.

The track slowed noticeably for the second heat, in which no one bettered Lori's old mark. But Hoppe — this time racing in the middle of the track — had the second-fastest time of the heat at 57.31 for a first-place total of 1:53.47.

Janis Kipours, the Soviet driver who beat out Hoppe for the gold medal in last weekend's weatherbeaten two-man event, was second today in 1:54.00, followed by a pair of Swiss drivers, Ekkhard Fisser in 1:54.20 and 43-year-old Hans Hiltbrand in 1:54.30.

A US sled driven by veteran Brent Rushlow was a surprising fifth in 1:54.39.

The United States hasn't won a bobsled medal since taking a bronze in 1956 and wasn't expected to contend this year because of international dissension and an uneven sled-development programme.

Badminton line-ups

CHELTHAM, England, Feb 28. (Reuter): Sweden became the eighth and final team today to qualify for the Thomas Cup badminton finals for men starting in Kuala Lumpur on May 23.

Sweden beat the Netherlands 3-2 in Amsterdam to join England and Denmark as the three qualifiers from Europe.

In the Uber Cup for women, the Netherlands beat Sweden 3-2 today to qualify with fellow Europeans England and Denmark who secured their finals places yesterday.

DEBI THOMAS WILTS UNDER PRESSURE

Witt retains Olympic figure skating title

CALGARY, Feb 28. (Reuter): Katarina Witt of East Germany retained her Olympic figure skating title but the "duel to Carmen" did not match its billing as Debi Thomas wilted under pressure last night.

Witt turned a triple jump into a double but was otherwise flawless, though her scores left Thomas room to take the title.

Erred

But the American erred on her opening combination jump and two more mistakes ruined her gold medal chances. "After I didn't land that combination, I lost heart a bit. I just didn't want to stay out there any more," Thomas said.

Petite Canadian Liz Manley won the free skating final to take the silver medal, relegating Thomas to third place.

Witt and Thomas both skated to music from the Bizet Opera,

Narrow win in men's slalom

Tomba digs gold again in ski race

MOUNT ALLAN, Alberta, Feb 28. (AP): Alberto Tomba made good on his boasts, coming from behind to narrowly win the men's slalom yesterday and become the first Italian skier to ever win two gold medals at Winter Olympics.

"La Bomba" (the bomb), who was third after the first run, posted the second-fastest time in the 61-gate second series, 47.85 seconds. His aggregate time of 1 minute, 39.47 seconds nipped Frank Woerndl of West Germany by six-hundredths of a second.

Edge

Woerndl, who had a 0.63-second edge over Tomba after the first run, was nearly a full second slower than the 21-year-old Italian superstar in the second series and had to settle for the silver in 1:39.53.

Paul Frommelt finished third 1:39.84 to take the bronze, Liechtenstein's first medal of these Games.

The large Italian contingent cheered and waved flags after Tomba, 13th to start the second run, finished the course.

They broke into tumult when Jonas Nilsson of Sweden, who had been second after the first run, and Woerndl failed to beat his time. The wild celebration was similar to the exultations

which they selected independently.

Witt, who has also won six European and three world crowns, became the first woman to retain the Olympic title since Sonja Henie of Norway captured her third in succession in 1936.

"I am very proud about this," she said. "I wanted to repeat what I had done because it has been a long time. And I think it could be a long time until someone does it again."

Happy

"When I skated my programme I was happy about it and about the jumps. But I thought when I didn't do the triple loop but only a double that Debi did all her jumps she could win."

"But it didn't happen. I saw she was very nervous. She showed she is really human, not 'invincible' as some papers said

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Tomba hits a gate during the men's slalom race.

1:40.22.

Nilsson was sixth in 1:40.23. Pirmin Zurbriggen of Switzerland, who already owns a gold and bronze medal at these Games, was seventh in 1:40.48.

The race was shown live on government television in Italy, where Tomba's first gold medal performance drew a record

audience and triggered a nationwide Outbreak of "Tomba-mania" of proportions usually reserved for major soccer victories.

But other Italian journalists, including those working for the two main news agencies, began a strike yesterday that was to last until tomorrow morning.

Tomba, who already had been promised a new Ferrari sports car by his father after winning the gold in the giant slalom on Thursday, earlier clinched the World Cup slalom title by winning four of five races this season.

He had been confident of victory on the eve of the race, saying: "It will be easier than in giant slalom, trust me."

It didn't turn out to be that easy, however. On Thursday, he had beaten Austria's Hubert Strolz by more than a second in giant slalom.

Softened

Woerndl, a 28-year-old customs officer who finished 10th in this event at the 1980 games but did not make the West German team in 1984, benefitted from his No. 1 starting position yesterday in the first run on a course softened by warm temperatures.

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Completed

Svan completed the course, which had a total vertical climb of 1,794 metres, in 2 hours, 4 minutes, 30.9 seconds.

He then headed out on the course for a few kilometres to relax and savour his victory alone in the blizzard before being congratulated by King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of

Sweden.

Svan got an excellent draw, starting 69th out of the 70 skiers who set out for the endurance test early in the morning and was able to control the leading skiers' times all the way.

"I have always preferred to be among the late starters," said Svan, who led Sweden to the gold medal in Monday's 40-kilometre race.

That is three medals short of the record nine won by fellow Swedes Sixteens Jernberg, who completed in three Olympics between 1956 and 1964.

But it could have been a gamble to go out late today. It could have been a lot tougher had the blizzard started earlier in the race. It would have made the snow softer.

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The bronze medal went to Andy Grunfelder after the 15-kilometre checkpoint. Halfway through, Svan led the Swiss by 1 minute, 7.5

seconds.

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Grunfelder skied a steady pace and was among the three fastest racers at every checkpoint along the course.

"Going into the last kilometre I knew one medal was within reach," the Swiss said. "I tried to hang in there and do my best."

Up-and-down

Svan, who became the only double gold medallist in the men's cross-country events, had an up-and-down overall performance on Cannmore Nordic Centre's hilly trails.

He had been 10th in the 30k

and only 13th in the 15k last week. Both events were in the classical style.

Witt finished with 4.2 points to 4.6 for Manley and 6.0 for Thomas.

Manley, did four triple jumps, the same as Witt, in a sparkling programme which took her from third to second.

She was bubbling afterwards.

"With Debi and Katarina getting the attention, I was off doing my own thing and I've felt very relaxed this week."

me," she said. "I tried and gave it everything I had. It just wasn't there."

"I'm glad it's over and I can get on with my life. Now it's back to school," added the California medical student.

Medal standings

CALGARY, Alberta, Feb 27. (UPI): Medal standings after Saturday's events.

	G	S	B	Total
Soviet Union	11	9	7	27
East Germany	9	8	5	22
Finland	4	0	2	6
Sweden	4	0	1	5
Switzerland	3	5	6	14
Austria	3	4	2	9
West Germany	2	4	2	8
Holland	2	2	2	6
United States	2	1	2	5
Italy	1	0	1	2
France	0	2	2	4
Japan	0	2	3	5
Canada	0	1	3	4
Yugoslavia	0	0	1	1
Czechoslovakia	0	1	2	3
Japan	0	0	1	1

Katarina Witt skates to a gold in the women's long programme.



Flying Dutchwoman doubles her pleasure with a skating victory

CALGARY, Alberta, Feb 28. (AP): Yvonne Van Gennip, the flying Dutchwoman who enjoys beating East Germany's top speed skaters, doubled her pleasure last night with a victory in the 1,500 metres.

Two months after surgery on her right foot, the 23-year-old Van Gennip won her second gold medal of the Winter Olympics by mastering the 3-3/4 laps of the indoor Olympic oval in an Olympic record 2 minutes, 0.68 seconds.

Most ever

Karen Kania of East Germany won the silver to give her three medals here and eight overall in giant slalom, the most ever by a female speed skater.

Teammate Andrea Ehrig took the bronze in 2:01.49 to go along with the silver she earlier claimed in the 3,000.

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Queensland beaten for second time

SYDNEY, Feb 28, (Reuters): A classy 73-84 balls by in-form Test opener David Boon inspired Tasmania to an easy five-wicket victory over Queensland in the McDonald's Cup limited overs competition in Launceston today.

Tasmania coasted to 151 for five from 40.4 overs after Queensland managed only 150 for eight in their 50 overs, despite not having to face the injured Dennis Lillee.

Medium-pacer Rodney Tucker did the damage for the Tasmanians with four for 31 in his 10 overs.

It was Tasmania's second victory over Queensland in two days, following their shock 94-run success in the Sheffield Shield yesterday — their first win in 44 Shield games since 1983-84.

In Adelaide, Victoria beat South Australia by six runs, restricting the Cup holders to 226 for six after Gary Watt's 81 helped them to 232 in 49.5 overs. Man-of-the-Match Paul Jackson took four for 26 in his 10 overs.

Today's games helped decide which four teams from two preliminary groups of three progress to the semifinals.

Results

In Launceston: Queensland 150 for eight in 50 overs, Tasmania 151 for five in 40.4 overs (David Boon 73). Tasmania won by five wickets.

In Adelaide: Victoria 232 all out in 49.5 overs (Gary Watt 81), South Australia 226 for six in 50 overs (James Pyke 76). Victoria won by six runs.

SPORTS BRIEFS

GCC tournament

RIYADH, Feb 28, (Kuna): Kuwait's national football team arrived here today accompanied by head of the Kuwaiti Football Federation Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed to take part in the ninth GCC tournament which opens on Wednesday.

The Kuwaiti delegation was received by head of the tournament's Organising Committee Prince Faisal Bin Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz and senior Saudi sports officials.

Luton beat Oxford

LONDON, Feb 28, (Reuters): Brian Stein and Ashley Grimes struck with two beautifully-taken first-half goals today as Luton beat Oxford 2-0 to clinch their place in the English League Cup final.

The victory secured a 3-1 aggregate triumph for Luton and ensured their first appearance in a Wembley Cup final since 1959. They will meet Arsenal on April 24.

Kenyan wins

NAIROBI, Feb 28, (Reuters): Kenya's world 10,000-metre champion Paul Kipkoech won his country's selection meeting yesterday for the World Cross Country Championships, clocking 35 minutes 33 seconds over the 11.8 km course.

Moses Tanui was second in 35.36 with world cross country champion John Ngugi third in 35.49.

Delhi marathon

NEW DELHI, Feb 28, (Xinhua): Murielidhar and Asha Agarwal yesterday won the men's and women's titles of the Delhi marathon respectively.

Murielidhar was timed in two hours 22 minutes 0.6 seconds, followed by Harphool Singh and Ajmer Singh who finished second and third respectively in 2:26.03 and 2:28.25.

In the women's section, Agarwal won with a time of 2:47.30.

Soviets win

YOKOHAMA, Japan, Feb 28, (Reuters): The Soviet Union, inspired by their top long distance runner Olga Bondonenko, led from start to finish to win the Yokohama women's relay road race today.

The Soviet team covered the 42.1-km (26-mile) six-leg relay course in two hours 15 minutes 41 seconds, breaking the course record set by a Norwegian team in 1980 by 61 seconds.

Bridge

HUBARA bridge results played on Saturday.

N/S: 1st Mrs Sandra and Mr Imam. 2nd Mrs Jamila Akeil and Mr Nabil Akeil. 3rd Nabeel Akeil and Lolita Murtiwaite. E/W: 1st Carpi and Wrexler. 2nd Chowdhury and Gazzza. 3rd Ebrahim and Khalid Khatib.

NEW ZEALAND LOSE FIVE WICKETS AFTER TEA

Breakthrough gives England a chance to win

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Feb 28, (Reuters): England captured five New Zealand wickets after tea on the fourth day of their second cricket Test and now have a chance of winning the match tomorrow.

New Zealand had been looking for a prospect of a declaration around lunch.

Chase

But after putting on 117 for the first wicket, they lost openers John Wright, Trevor Franklin and captain Jeff Crowe, effectively ending any prospect of a chase for quick runs.

The home side was 154 for five at the close with Mark Greatbatch on six and Martin Snedden yet to score. New Zealand have a lead of only 132.

The loss of Martin Crowe and

Ken Rutherford just before the close put New Zealand in a precarious position.

Graham Dilley began the collapse when he ended New Zealand's 117 opening stand by bowling Trevor Franklin for his tea-time score of 62.

Neal Radford then had Wright caught behind by Bruce French for 49, picking up his first wicket of the match.

Attractive

Franklin's innings was more attractive, punctuated with strong drives off the front and back foot.

His maiden Test half century was a personal triumph for Franklin who was so badly injured by a baggage trolley at London's Gatwick Airport in 1986 that doctors thought he might never

play again. He was chosen for the first Test even though he was not able to run completely freely.

The New Zealand openers had been in complete control with none of the England bowlers presenting any particular problems.

Long spell

Off-spinner John Emburey had a long spell before and after lunch but he failed to extract significant turn. England's attack lacked variety and it seems the visitors erred by not including spinner Eddie Hemmings.

But the dismissal of Jeff Crowe for one with the New Zealand score on 119 saw England suddenly come on top.

Jeff Crowe, who has been out of form throughout the season and whose place in the side must

now be in jeopardy, elected to come in before his brother Martin. He was lbw to Dilley playing no shot to Dilley's slower ball.

Despite the initial breakthrough England captain Mike Gatting did not really attack. Mark Greatbatch's first scoring stroke was a snap where third slip normally stands.

Scoreboard

NEW ZEALAND first innings 301
ENGLAND first innings: 5. M. Maxon c J. Crowe b Chatfield 99
C. Broad c M. Crowe b Bracewell 9
T. Robinson c Morrison b Bracewell 54
M. Gatting c Smith b Morrison 42
N. Fairbrother c Smith b Chatfield 1
D. Capel c Bracewell b Morrison 5
J. Emburey c Smith b Chatfield 13
P. French c Franklin b Bracewell 13
P. Jarvis c Smith b Snedden 10

N. Radford b Chatfield 8
G. Dilley not out 3
Extras (lb-12 b-12 ab-5) 20
Total (1-12 b-12 ab-5) 323

Fall of wickets: 1-172 2-135 3-211 4-220 5-222 6-234 7-267 8-282 9-308.

Bowling: Morrison 32-7-95-2 (5ab), Chatfield 31-1-5-37-1, Bracewell 39-8-98-3, Snedden 34-14-71-1, Rutherford 5-1-8-0.

NEW ZEALAND second innings:

T. Franklin b Dilley 62
J. Wright c French b Radford 49
J. Crowe lbw Dilley 1
M. Crowe lbw Jarvis 26
M. Greatbatch not out 6
M. Rutherford b Emburey 2
M. Snedden not out 0
Extras (lb-5 ab-3) 8
Total (for five wickets) 154

Fall of wickets: 1-117 2-119 3-119 4-150 5-153.

Bowling to date: Dilley 17-6-33-2, Jarvis 18-6-34-1, Radford 13-3-37-1 (3ab), Emburey 27-15-36-1, Capel 5-13-0, Gatting 1-0-2-0.



Young Australia emulate seniors with an opening win

SYDNEY, Feb 28, (Reuters): Australia's young cricketers emulated their seniors with a crushing defeat of West Indies in the opening round of the first youth World Cup limited overs tournament in Mildura today.

Australia won by 73 runs.

In Renmark: England 172 for five innings closed (M Atherton 80, M Ramprakash 46). India 177 for eight in 49.4 overs (Senthilnathan 47).

India won by two wickets.

In Berri: New Zealand 178 for nine in 47.4 overs (P Dobbs 40, S Jayasurya three for 34). Sri Lanka 166 in 47.4 overs (C Mendis 43, Sri Lanka 166 in 47.4 overs (C Mendis 43, A Gale three for 30).

Pakistan won by five wickets.

Hadlee not available

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Feb 28, (Reuters): Star New Zealand all-rounder Richard Hadlee is not available for the third cricket Test against England starting on March 3, New Zealand Cricket Council chairman Bob Vance said.

Hadlee, who shares the world record with Ian Botham for 373 Test wickets, injured a calf muscle on the first day of the first Test in Christchurch.

Hadlee tried out his leg in net practice yesterday and later said he was far from fully fit.

It now appears Hadlee will have to go to India with the New Zealand team in October to take the record.

Hadlee said he would now consider touring India. He previously said he was not available for tours to the subcontinent.

Teenager upsets Reggi

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb 28, (Reuters): Little-known teenager Brenda Schultz of the Netherlands upset third-seeded Italian Rafaela Reggi yesterday to set up a final against American Lori McNeil at the \$100,000 Oklahoma tennis tournament.

McNeil, the top seed, capitalised on a disputed call in the first set to capture the momentum and topple fourth seed Catarina Lindqvist of Sweden 6-4 6-1.

The 15-year-old Schultz, rated 150th in the world, used a surprisingly powerful serve and strong forehand to beat the 18th-ranked baseliner 7-6-3.

McNeil's match turned on a disputed call at 4-4 in the first set. With the ninth game at deuce for the sixth time, McNeil hit a forehand to Razzaq was severe at the other end.

Raza Ashraf who came in next started hammering from the start. However Razzaq was bowled by Norbert at his individual 73 runs which contained 8 boundaries and a glorious six.

Raza Ashraf was a bit unfortunate to miss his half century by only one run and was bowled while trying to lift the ball out of the ground.

Haider was the other notable scorer who remained not out on 18 and Anjum Raza with 8 runs.

Evergreen could muster only 184 runs for the loss of 4 wickets.

In reply Flying Arrows scored 163 runs at the end of the 11th over and Verold and Derek found no difficulty in facing all the bowlers until skipper Asad Baig introduced himself. This move paid immediate dividends as he got the wicket of Derek. From then on it was Asad Baig who ran through Flying Arrows batting line-up. He got 5 wickets for only 35 runs. Baig was assisted by Shahid Maqbool who took 3 brilliant catches at the square leg.

Score
Flying Arrows scored 128 runs

Asad Baig: 5 wickets

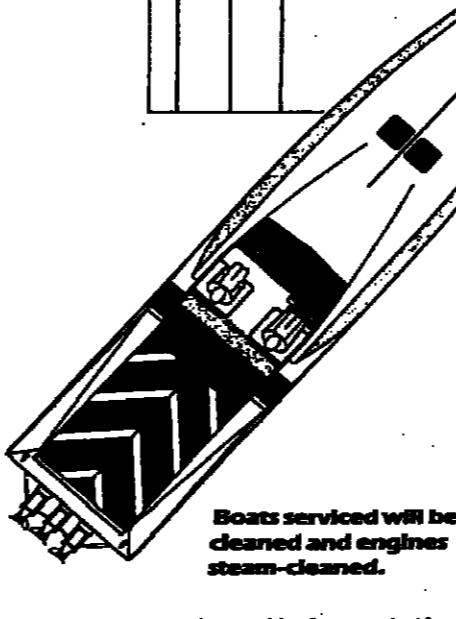
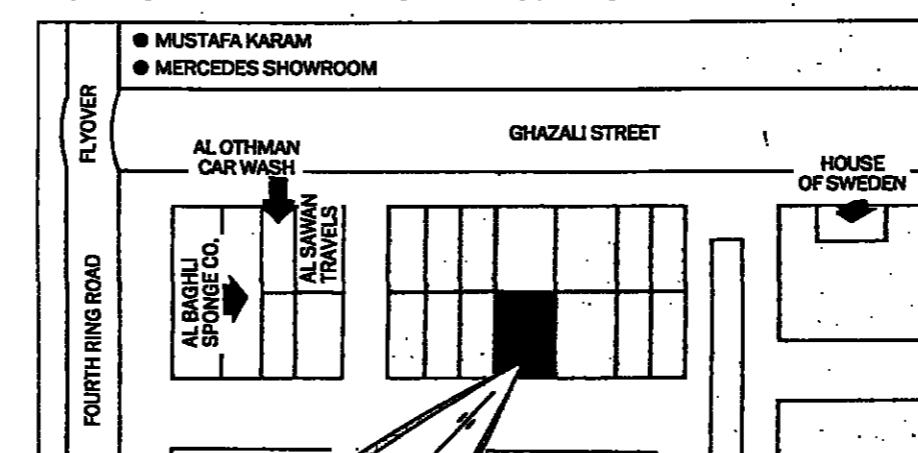
in 23 overs after losing 7 wickets. Verold 30, Derek, 23, Albert 13, Francis 12, Mukesh 11 and Norbert 13 were the other scorers who crossed double figures. Anjum Raza captured 2 wickets for 42 runs.

New Young Star win

Mohd Ishaq: 5 for 17

NEW Young Star beat Golden Star by eight wickets at Church ground on Friday. Golden star batting first scored 87 runs all out. The New Young Star's captain Mohd Ishaq took five for 17, Nasir has two and Naeer one.

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